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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Homer Junior High
4 School wrestling team, the Mustangs, on winning the 2026
5 Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Class AA State
6 Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The IESA Class AA State Wrestling Tournament was
8 held at Northern Illinois University from March 13 through
9 March 14, 2026; and

10 WHEREAS, The Mustangs sent ten qualifiers to the IESA
11 State Wrestling Tournament, of which eight achieved placement
12 finishes in their respective weight classes; and

13 WHEREAS, The Mustangs' Jake Allison finished in fourth
14 place; Johnny Djikas, Barrett Kocsis, Johnny Paun, and Carson
15 Russell finished in third place; Zain Askar finished in second
16 place; finally, Wyatt McClain and Joseph Ponterio finished as
17 state champions; and

18 WHEREAS, The Mustangs won back-to-back state championships
19 and achieved the first perfect season in Homer Junior High
20 School wrestling history, finishing 17-0 in duals and winning
21 all seven of the team's tournaments, the IESA Class AA State

1 Regional 11, the IESA Class AA State Sectional C, and the 2026
2 IESA Class AA State Championship; and

3 WHEREAS, The Mustangs are led by coaches David Rush, Paul
4 Oster, DeMetre Smith, Anthony Grek, John Paun, and Mikey
5 Kinney; and

6 WHEREAS, The Mustangs' state championship team is
7 comprised of Jake Allison, Zain Askar, Johnny Djikas, Drew
8 Dobesh, Barrett Kocsis, Wyatt McClain, Johnny Paun, Joseph
9 Ponterio, Carson Russell, and Jayden Vargas; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate the Homer Junior High School wrestling team,
13 the Mustangs, on winning the 2026 Illinois Elementary School
14 Association (IESA) Class AA State Championship; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the players and coaches of the Mustangs as an
18 expression of our respect and esteem.