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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to celebrate the athletes, coaches, and staff members of the Team Illinois delegation who will proudly compete at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

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WHEREAS, The Special Olympics USA Games will be held from June 20 to June 26, 2026 and will be one of the nation's largest and most inclusive sporting events, uniting more than 3,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches, 10,000 volunteers, and an expected 75,000 fans from across all 50 states through the transformative power of sport; and

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WHEREAS, Among the participants of the Special Olympics USA Games will be 80 proud representatives of Team Illinois, including 43 athletes, 11 Unified partners, 14 coaches, three youth leaders, and nine staff, competing for gold in eight sports, including athletics, bocce, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, swimming, Unified basketball, and Unified volleyball, while providing youth leadership experiences; and

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WHEREAS, These Team Illinois athletes showcase exceptional talent and determination, achieving inspiring results and demonstrating the power of preparation and unity in obtaining

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1 success; and

2 WHEREAS, The contributions of these Team Illinois
3 athletes, coaches, and other representatives are a testament
4 to their dedication and passion and the power of the Special
5 Olympics movement to uplift individuals and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the remarkable individuals
7 of Team Illinois bring pride to our State and illustrate the
8 life-changing impact of the Special Olympics movement,
9 fostering inclusion, dignity, and opportunity for people with
10 intellectual disabilities; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate the athletes, coaches, and staff members of
14 the Team Illinois delegation as they prepare for the 2026
15 Special Olympics USA Games; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Special Olympics Illinois as a symbol of our
18 esteem and respect.