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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Parkland College men's basketball team, the Cobras, on the occasion of winning the 2025-2026 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II National Championship on March 21, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, The Cobras defeated the number eight ranked Ellsworth Community College by a score of 76-68, securing the team's first NJCAA Division II National Championship in 40 years and finishing its season with a stellar record of 29-7 following a remarkable postseason run; and

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WHEREAS, The Cobras had a number of standout performances, with Jaiden Martin delivering 34 points, grabbing eight rebounds, and earning the title of Tournament MVP, Chris Bush scoring 12 points, and Grant Chamberlain contributing 11 points and eight rebounds while covering both sides of the ball, and the latter two players were additionally named to the All-Tournament Team; the team achieved further distinction from Head Coach John Bowler being named NJCAA Coach of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, The Cobras' championship win is a defining moment

1 for its coaches and players; after falling short in last
2 year's title game, the team returned this season with
3 determination while overcoming adversity throughout, including
4 combating injuries and having to shorten its rotation; and

5 WHEREAS, The Cobras achieved victory on the exact day of
6 the 40th anniversary of Parkland College's last national title
7 win in 1986, adding significance to an already historic
8 achievement; for bringing another championship back to
9 Champaign, this season's coaches and players have secured
10 their legacy in Parkland College history, and the team will be
11 remembered among the program's greatest of all time; and

12 WHEREAS, The Cobras are led by Head Coach John Bowler and
13 Assistant Coaches Coleco Buie, Jimmie Daly, and Matt
14 Felsenfeld; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of the 2025-2026 Cobras include DJ
16 Bolden, Chris Bush, Grant Chamberlain, Carmelo Fletcher,
17 Jiovanny Garcia, Nick Harrell, Igor Jokovic, Jaiden Martin,
18 Kodhi McStraw, De'Shaun Tolever, Kye Van Beest, and Trey
19 Welter; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate the Parkland College men's basketball team,

1 the Cobras, on the occasion of winning the 2025-2026 National
2 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II
3 National Championship on the 40-year anniversary of the
4 program's previous national title, and we wish the team's
5 coaches and players continued success; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the coaches and players of the Cobras as a symbol
8 of our respect and esteem.