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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate James Robinson, a native son of Rockford, on his accomplishments; and

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WHEREAS, James Robinson's football career began at Rockford Lutheran School, where he set Illinois High School Association all-time records for career rushing yards (9,045), rushing touchdowns (158), and total points (948); he then attended Illinois State University, where he finished second all-time in career rushing yards, touchdowns, and all-purpose yards while consistently elevating the reputation of Illinois athletics on the national stage; and

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WHEREAS, James Robinson made NFL history with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2020, becoming the first undrafted rookie in the common-draft era to record 1,414 scrimmage yards, and this achievement earned him PFWA All-Rookie honors, being named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month, and being listed on NFL Top 100 Players; since then, he has continued his professional journey with multiple NFL teams, further cementing his reputation as one of the greatest undrafted success stories in league history; and

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WHEREAS, James Robinson's impact has extended beyond the

1 United States; he earned the Man of the Match award during the
2 NFL's International Series in London, England in 2021,
3 underscoring his talent and his role as an ambassador for
4 Illinois on the global stage; and

5 WHEREAS, James Robinson, beyond his remarkable statistics,
6 has served as an inspiration for young athletes, showing that
7 hard work, resilience, and determination can overcome even the
8 greatest of odds, and his journey from Rockford to the NFL
9 continues to inspire the next generation of Illinoisans; and

10 WHEREAS, James Robinson's story of perseverance,
11 achievement, and service honors the spirit of excellence and
12 community that defines our State; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate James
15 Robinson on his accomplishments and his soaring career in the
16 NFL, and we thank him for continuing to serve as a positive
17 role model to young Illinoisans; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to James Robinson as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.