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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate the De La Salle Institute boys soccer team, the
4 Meteors, on winning the 2025 Illinois High School Association
5 (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, The Meteors secured the first state championship
7 in program history with a thrilling victory over the
8 Washington Community High School boys soccer team, the
9 Panthers, in the IHSA Class 2A State Final Tournament held in
10 Hoffman Estates on November 8, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, The Meteors completed an outstanding season with
12 a 25-3-1 record, demonstrating extraordinary determination,
13 teamwork, and resilience throughout the 2025 campaign; and

14 WHEREAS, The Meteors captured the state title in dramatic
15 fashion following two scoreless overtime periods and a
16 penalty-kick victory in the championship match; and

17 WHEREAS, The Meteors' Cesar Solano secured the
18 championship-winning penalty kick for the team, while fellow
19 players Fidel Orozco and Christian Flores also converted
20 penalty kicks to help secure the historic victory; and

1 WHEREAS, The Meteors also achieved success thanks to the
2 efforts of Alex Panduro, who scored a regulation goal in the
3 championship match, and goalkeeper Gianni Luque, who delivered
4 key saves during the penalty-kick period to preserve the
5 team's victory; and

6 WHEREAS, The Meteors' championship season came one year
7 after the program's second-place finish in the 2024 IHSA Class
8 2A State Final Tournament, reflecting the perseverance and
9 dedication of the team's student-athletes and coaching staff;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Meteors were led by Head Coach Francisco
12 Martinez, a proud alumnus of De La Salle Institute, who
13 provided outstanding leadership and guidance throughout the
14 season and helped lead the team to its first state title in
15 school history; and

16 WHEREAS, The Meteors were further led by assistant coaches
17 Carlos Nunez, Antonio Maldonado, Julio Martinez, and Tom
18 Schergen, who all played an instrumental role in developing
19 the character, discipline, and athletic excellence of the
20 team's student-athletes; and

21 WHEREAS, The Meteors' student-athletes represented their
22 school, the City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois with

1 sportsmanship, integrity, perseverance, and pride throughout
2 their championship season; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the De
5 La Salle Institute boys soccer team, the Meteors, on winning
6 the 2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A
7 State Championship, and we thank the players, coaches,
8 families, and school community for their collective efforts in
9 achieving this historic moment; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to De La Salle Institute as an expression of our
12 esteem and respect.