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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Tim Kratochvil on being elected to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Athletic Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Kratochvil, a Mt. Olive native, was all-conference in football, basketball, and baseball while in high school; he was named all-state in baseball twice and all-conference four times; he was selected to the Mazuno All American Team in 1992 and was named by USA Today as one of the top 22 catchers in high school baseball at the time; and

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WHEREAS, While finishing up his high school baseball career, Tim Kratochvil was highly recruited and signed with Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, As a promising college freshmen, Tim Kratochvil was able to win the starting catcher's job and opened the season with a home run in his first game against nationally-ranked Oklahoma State University; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Kratochvil was named one of the best catchers in SIUC history after being named First Team All-Missouri Valley Conference in 1994 and 1995; he finished fourth in

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1 career home runs with 24 and second in RBI with 163 and set a  
2 school record with 51 career doubles; and

3 WHEREAS, During his time at SIUC, Tim Kratochvil was named  
4 MVP twice, was a two-time NCAA All-Region Team member, and won  
5 the 1996 Abe Martin Award, which is awarded to a Salukis  
6 baseball player that exemplifies honesty, leadership,  
7 excellence, dedication, and loyalty; and

8 WHEREAS, After college, Tim Kratochvil played two seasons  
9 in the Boston Red Sox minor league system, where he hit over  
10 .300 with the Lowell, Massachusetts Class A team prior to  
11 retiring and returning home to Illinois to begin a career in  
12 education; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon retirement from the game he loves, Tim  
14 Kratochvil began working as a teacher and a coach and is now  
15 the principal of Pawnee Junior and Senior High School; and

16 WHEREAS, Tim Kratochvil enjoys woodworking, watching  
17 sports, and spending time with his family, especially his  
18 children, Jack, Luke, and Olivia; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Tim Kratochvil on being elected to the Southern

1 Illinois University Carbondale Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it  
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3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Tim Kratochvil as an expression of our esteem and  
5 respect.