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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Chicago Sky on winning the 2021 WNBA Championship; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Sky finished the regular season with an overall record of 16 wins and 16 losses and entered the playoffs as the No. 6 seed; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Sky defeated the Dallas Wings and the Minnesota Lynx in single-elimination games to start the playoffs; they then defeated the No. 1 seed Connecticut Sun in four games in the semifinals to advance to the WNBA Finals for the first time since 2014; and

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WHEREAS, In Game 1 of the finals, the Chicago Sky defeated the Phoenix Mercury 91-77; in Game 2, they dropped an overtime thriller to the Mercury; they dominated Game 3 and defeated the Mercury in front of a sellout crowd by 36 points (80-56), the largest margin of victory in WNBA Finals history; in Game 4, they rallied from a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to secure the franchise's first title; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Sky are led by General Manager and Head Coach James Wade; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Chicago Sky team members are Kahleah Copper,  
2 Candace Parker, Azura Stevens, Allie Quigley, Courtney  
3 Vandersloot, Diamond DeShields, Stefanie Dolson, Dana Evans,  
4 Astou Ndour-Fall, Lexie Brown, and Ruthy Hebard; therefore, be  
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6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the Chicago Sky on winning the 2021 WNBA  
9 Championship, and we wish them many more successful seasons;  
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11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to the coaches and players of the Chicago Sky as a  
13 symbol of our respect and esteem.