SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The 2022 Winter Olympic Games are being held February 3-20 in Beijing, China; and

WHEREAS, The Winter Olympics is a major international multi-sport event held once every four years for sports practiced on snow and ice; and

WHEREAS, More than 220 athletes are representing the United States at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, making Team USA the largest delegation in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Fourteen of the athletes on Team USA are from the State of Illinois, and they are competing in figure skating singles, figure skating pairs, hockey, ski jumping, and speed skating; and

WHEREAS, The athletes from Illinois participating in the Winter Games are Kevin Bickner from Lake Forest, Megan Bozek from Buffalo Grove, Jason Brown from Highland Park, Ethan Cepuran from Glen Ellyn, Jesse Compher from Northbrook, Kendall Coyne Schofield from Palos Heights, Patrick Gasienica from Spring Grove, Savannah Harmon from Downers Grove, Austin Kleba from Campton Hills, Alexa Knierim from Addison, Hilary Knight from Lake Forest, Casey Larson from Barrington, Emery

Lehman from Oak Park, and Abbey Murphy from Evergreen Park; and

WHEREAS, Illinois provides a variety of opportunities for athletes to practice winter sports in athletic departments and park districts across the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February 20, 2022 as "Illinois Winter Olympians Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Kevin Bickner, Megan Bozek, Jason Brown, Ethan Cepuran, Jesse Compher, Kendall Coyne Schofield, Patrick Gasienica, Savannah Harmon, Austin Kleba, Alexa Knierim, Hilary Knight, Casey Larson, Emery Lehman, and Abbey Murphy as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

