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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Illinois Wesleyan
4 University football head coach, Norm Eash, on the occasion of
5 his retirement following the conclusion of the 2024 season;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Norm Eash is the winningest coach in Illinois
8 Wesleyan University football history; he compiled a career
9 record of 233 wins, 132 losses, and one tie (.638) over the
10 course of his time leading the football program; his career
11 win total ranks 42nd all-time across NCAA Division I, II, and
12 III, while he is 13th all-time among the Division III; and

13 WHEREAS, Norm Eash, known as the "dean" of league coaches,
14 has been College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Coach of
15 the Year six times (2017, 2009, 2007, 2001, 1996 and 1992), and
16 his career CCIW mark is 171 wins, 102 losses, and one tie
17 (.626), surpassing the win total of his own college coach, Don
18 Larson, for most all-time victories in the league; and

19 WHEREAS, Norm Eash has coached nine CCIW championship
20 teams (1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009, 2017, 2018),
21 six NCAA Division III playoff teams (1992, 1996, 2009, 2011,
22 2013, 2017), 12 first team Division III All-Americans, nine

1 Academic All-Americans, and one winner of the Gagliardi Trophy
2 honoring the nation's top Division III player; and

3 WHEREAS, Norm Eash was elected as an honorary member of
4 the American Football Coaches Association in 2011 for his
5 devotion, dedication, and distinguished service to the game of
6 football; and

7 WHEREAS, Norm Eash is a native of Chenoa, where he
8 captained his high school football and basketball teams and
9 was a Little All-State football selection in 1970; he
10 graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1975, where he
11 was a starting defensive lineman as a sophomore and a starting
12 offensive tackle his last two seasons, playing on an 8 and 1
13 team in 1974 that tied for the CCIW title; and

14 WHEREAS, Norm Eash taught physical education and was an
15 assistant coach in football, basketball, and track at Streator
16 High School from 1975 to 1982; he was then head football coach
17 and athletic director at Dwight High School, where his teams
18 were 34 and 15 and qualified for the playoffs three times; he
19 reached the Class 2A quarterfinals in 1983 when he was voted
20 Kankakee Area Coach of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, Norm Eash will transition into a new role as
22 senior advisor for Titan Traditions and Alumni Legacy;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Illinois Wesleyan University football head
5 coach, Norm Eash, on his retirement following the conclusion
6 of the 2024 season, and we wish him the best in all his future
7 endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Norm Eash as a symbol of our respect and esteem.