

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate the Brother Rice
4 High School Water Polo Team, the Crusaders, on winning its
5 first IHSA State championship; and

6 WHEREAS, The school won the Illinois Swimming Association
7 (ISA) water polo championships in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983,
8 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1998; the
9 team ended the season with an overall record of 30 wins and 2
10 losses; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of the team include Dan Fadden, Dan
12 Melaniphy, Jake Oprondek, Brian McShane, Brian Kuczynski,
13 Matt Wood, Ulysses Cortes, Oscar Martinez, Fernando Chavez,
14 Matt Latham, Damian Roman, Alonzo Cruz, Dominic Barraco, Dan
15 Ilanzie, Kevin McShane, Mark DiCola, Sean Castle, John Colby,
16 Omar Vasquez, Nick Velasquez, and Andrew Omastiak; and

17 WHEREAS, Seniors Brian McShane (Player of the Year) and
18 Alonzo Cruz made the first team All-State; juniors Brian
19 Kuczynski and Ulysses Cortes made second team All-State;
20 junior, Matt Wood and senior, Matt Latham got honorable
21 mention All-State; and Brian McShane, Alonzo Cruz, and Matt
22 Wood made the All-Chicago Catholic League; the Tony Lawless
23 Award recipients for top player and coach in the Chicago
24 Catholic League went to senior Brian McShane and head coach
25 Bill Mulcrone; and

26 WHEREAS, The team dedicated this season to long-time head
27 coach Jim "Moose" Mulcrone who passed away in December 2002;
28 his son Bill, a 1996 Brother Rice graduate, was named interim
29 head coach for this season and guided the team to the State
30 championship; he was named head coach on a permanent basis on
31 May 19, 2003, at an all-school assembly honoring the team;
32 his brother Scott, a 1984 Brother Rice graduate is an

1 assistant coach along with Chris Kolasa; Joe Augustyn serves
2 as moderator for the team; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Brother Rice High School Water Polo Team,
6 the Crusaders, on becoming the 2003 IHSA State Water Polo
7 Champions and wish them well in all of their future
8 endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to each member of the team, the coaches, and
11 assistant coaches as an expression of our respect and esteem.