



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the University of  
4 Illinois Fighting Illini basketball team on becoming the  
5 undisputed Big Ten Conference Champions, the University of  
6 Illinois' first outright Big Ten Title since 1952; and

7 WHEREAS, The Fighting Illini won the Big Ten regular season  
8 title in a victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes with a score of  
9 64 to 63; the Fighting Illini finished the season with a record  
10 of 23 wins and 5 losses; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illini closed the regular season by winning 10  
12 straight Big Ten games, including 6 straight road victories for  
13 the first time since the 1955-56 season; and

14 WHEREAS, The head coach of the Fighting Illini is  
15 first-year coach Bruce Weber; he became the third Big Ten  
16 basketball coach in history to win an outright league title in  
17 his first season; and

18 WHEREAS, The team members of the Fighting Illini are James  
19 Augustine, Dee Brown, Warren Carter, Luther Head, Jerrance  
20 Howard, Jack Ingram, Rich McBride, Fred Nkemdi, Roger Powell,  
21 Brian Randle, Nick Smith, Aaron Spears, and Deron Williams; and

22 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois Director of Athletics  
23 is Ron Guenther; the Head Coach is Bruce Weber; and Assistant  
24 Coaches are Chris Lowery, Wayne McClain, and Jay Price; Gary  
25 Nottingham is the Assistant to the Head Coach and Al Martindale  
26 is the trainer; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
29 congratulate the team members and coaches of the Fighting

1 Illini basketball team on winning the Big Ten Conference  
2 Championship; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 presented to each of the coaches and members of the Fighting  
5 Illini as a token of our respect and esteem and with our best  
6 wishes for future success as a team.