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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the University of Illinois Fighting Illini Men's Gymnastics team on a championship season; and

WHEREAS, Five members of the team became All-American in seven events, the first time that has happened since 1957, and two members won championships in separate events, the first time Illinois has had two champions since 1958; and

WHEREAS, Bob Rogers was crowned champion for pommel horse with a score of 9.775 and Justin Spring was crowned champion for the high bar competition with a score of 9.775; and

WHEREAS, Ben Newman is All-American with a fourth place finish in the pommel horse competition and Peter Shostchuk is All-American with a fifth place finish in the pommel horse competition; and

WHEREAS, Adam Pummer is a two time All-American with a second place finish in the vault competition and a sixth place finish in the floor exercise competition; and

WHEREAS, Justin Spring is a two time All-American with a first place finish in the high bar competition and a fifth place finish in the parallel bars competition; and

WHEREAS, Coach Yoshi Hayasa. Oki was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the third time in his career; and

WHEREAS, Jon Valdez is the Assistant Coach and Bob Spelic is the Intern Coach, and the members of the Fighting Illini Men's Gymnastics team are Ted Brown, Mike Filla, Erik Garnett,

1 Nick Hand, Casey Hayasaki, Matt Michalek, Ben Newman, Adam
2 Pummer, Bob Rogers, Anthony Russo, Peter Shostchuk, Justin
3 Spring, and Scott Wetterling, all of whom share in Illinois'
4 2004 championship season; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate the team members and coaches of the Fighting
8 Illini Men's Gymnastics team on their outstanding 2004 season;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to each of the coaches and members of the team as a
12 token of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes for
13 future success as a team.