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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to Coach Joe  
4 Newton on his 75th birthday and on his many years of success;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Joe Newton is one of the most talented and  
7 successful cross country and track coaches in history; and

8           WHEREAS, Coach Newton's love for the sport began as a  
9 student at Parker High School on Chicago's South Side, where he  
10 was named a High School All-American and won 12 major letters;  
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12           WHEREAS, His running career continued as a sprinter at  
13 Northwestern University where he received his Bachelor of  
14 Science degree in 1951 and his Master of Arts degree in 1952;  
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16           WHEREAS, He answered the call to serve his country as a  
17 member of the United States Army; and

18           WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his high school coaching  
19 career, Coach Newton was the Head Track Coach at Ft. Leonard  
20 Wood, Missouri, where he coached three Olympic runners; and

21           WHEREAS, His coaching career as member of the York  
22 Community High School family began in 1956; and

23           WHEREAS, Coach Newton has lead the York Community High  
24 School Dukes to an unprecedented 24 State Championship Titles  
25 and 19 National Cross Country Championships; and

26           WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois Track Coaches Association  
27 has named Coach Newton the High School Cross Country Coach of

1 the Year 16 times in addition to being named the Illinois High  
2 School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year 15 times; and

3 WHEREAS, The success and leadership of Coach Newton was  
4 recognized when he became the first high school coach to be  
5 selected to represent our country as an Olympic Coach for the  
6 United States Track and Field Team in 1988 at Seoul, Korea; and

7 WHEREAS, The National High School Athletic Coaches  
8 Association Hall of Fame, the United States Track Coaches  
9 Association Hall of Fame, the Northwestern University Hall of  
10 Fame, the United States Track and Field Federation Hall of  
11 Fame, the Northern Illinois Track and Cross Country Association  
12 Hall of Fame, and the Gatorade Coaches Hall of Fame have all  
13 bestowed upon Coach Newton the honor of being an inductee; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Newton touches the lives of runners and  
15 coaches across the nation as a gifted author and motivational  
16 speaker; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Newton's dynamic, energetic, and zealous  
18 devotion to his students has taught us the true definition of a  
19 champion; and

20 WHEREAS, He has touched the lives of countless young  
21 athletes and taught them to achieve greatness both on and off  
22 the field; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
25 do hereby offer our congratulations to Coach Joe Newton on the  
26 occasion of his 75th birthday and on his many years of success;  
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Coach Joe Newton and his family.