



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the 2004-2005 season, a century of
3 University of Illinois basketball tradition and excellence is
4 being celebrated as the Fighting Illini play their 100th year
5 of varsity basketball; and

6 WHEREAS, The tradition of Illinois basketball ranks among
7 the best in the nation; it is a passion with fans throughout
8 the State and alumni around the world; Illinois ranks as the
9 sixteenth-winningest basketball program in the history of the
10 game with more than 1,470 wins since its very first game on
11 January 12, 1906; the Illini have won or shared 16 Big Ten
12 championships, played in 24 NCAA Tournaments, and advanced to
13 four Final Fours since Elwood Brown coached the first Illinois
14 basketball squad; and

15 WHEREAS, To help commemorate the 100th year of basketball
16 as a varsity sport this season, the University of Illinois
17 Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has unveiled its
18 All-Century Team; this 20-man team was selected after voting by
19 thousands of fans on www.fightingillini.com and the Illinois
20 Basketball Centennial Committee; the team will be honored
21 during the Illinois Basketball Centennial Reunion Weekend,
22 January 28 through January 30, 2005, and banners displaying the
23 names of the All-Century Team will hang permanently at the
24 Assembly Hall; and

25 WHEREAS, The members of the All-Century team are Ray Woods
26 (1915-17), Chuck Carney (1920-22), Andy Phillip (1942-43,
27 1947), Gene Vance (1942-43, 1947), Dwight "Dike" Eddleman
28 (1947-49), John "Red" Kerr (1952-54), Dave Downey (1961-63),
29 Duane "Skip" Thoren (1963-65), Don Freeman (1964-66), Nick
30 Weatherspoon (1971-73), Eddie Johnson (1978-81), Derek Harper
31 (1981-83), Bruce Douglas (1983-86), Ken Norman (1985-87),
32 Kenny Battle (1988-89), Nick Anderson (1988-89), Kendall Gill

1 (1987-90), Deon Thomas (1991-94), Frank Williams (2000-02),
2 and Brian Cook (2000-03); therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Fighting Illini basketball program on the
6 occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration, and we celebrate
7 the rich history of Fighting Illini basketball; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Fighting Illini basketball program as an
11 expression of our esteem and with best wishes for the continued
12 success of the program.