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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to honor the accomplishments of residents of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern University has shown a strong commitment to women's athletics as demonstrated by its nationally ranked women's teams in softball, tennis, fencing, and golf and by winning Big Ten or national academic honors in women's sports, including field hockey, swimming, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 Northwestern University Wildcats are the NCAA Division I National Champions of Women's Lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcats capped an undefeated season with a 13 to 10 victory over the defending champion, the University of Virginia, on May 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, During the 2005 regular season and the NCAA Division I Tournament, the Wildcats successfully defeated traditional powerhouses Duke, Princeton, and Dartmouth; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcat's 21 wins and no loss record is tied for second most wins in a season, and the 21 game undefeated streak is the fourth longest in NCAA women's lacrosse history; and

WHEREAS, Head coach Kelly Amonte Hiller built the women's lacrosse program from club status in 2001 to NCAA champion in 2005; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 Wildcats have brought to Illinois its first-ever national championship in lacrosse, the first-ever national title in women's sports for Northwestern University,

1 and the first national championship for Northwestern since  
2 1941; and

3 WHEREAS, Many of the members of the 2005 national champion  
4 Northwestern Wildcats women's lacrosse team will be returning  
5 next year to continue their impressive run; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the 2005 national champion  
7 Northwestern Wildcats women's lacrosse team are Abby Bangser,  
8 Donna McCann, Sarah Albrecht, Kristen Kjellman, Sara Crosby,  
9 Aly Josephs, Kristen Boege, Ashley Koester, Courtney Koester,  
10 Hilary Alley, Ashley Gersuk, Courtney Flynn, Christy Finch,  
11 Lindsey Munday, Emily Lovett, Laura Glassanos, Shelby Chlopak,  
12 Kaitie Lenahan, Lynda McCandlish, Abby Alley, Sarah Walsh,  
13 Lindsay Finocchiaro, Jenny Bush, Fallon McGraw, Quinn  
14 Cammarota, Lindsay North, Meredith Philipp, Hannah Whitman,  
15 Rebecca Zazove, Annie Elliott, Bailey Su, Kate Darmody, Minnie  
16 Doherty, Kim Corcoran; the coaches are Kelly Amonte Hiller,  
17 Head Coach; Alexis Venechanos and Danielle Shearer, Assistant  
18 Coaches; and Scott Hiller, Volunteer Assistant Coach;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we honor and congratulate the members of the 2005 National  
23 Champion Northwestern Wildcats women's lacrosse team for their  
24 success; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to each member of the 2005 National Champion  
27 Northwestern Wildcats Women's Lacrosse Team as an expression of  
28 our sincere respect and esteem and with best wishes for the  
29 continued success of the team and program.