



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to the Lady
4 Cougars volleyball team of Central High School in Breese on
5 winning the 2005 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class
6 A State Championship on November 12, 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Central High School is an outstanding school that
8 challenges all students academically and vocationally and
9 instills a positive work ethic in a safe atmosphere of mutual
10 respect with the intent to reach and enhance individual
11 talents; the success of the Lady Cougars is a testament to the
12 strength of these values; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Varsity Coach Jim Cook and Assistant Coach
14 Kelly Potthast, the Lady Cougars defeated Cahokia Conference
15 rivals the Columbia Eagles and reclaimed the State championship
16 in a well-fought battle at the Redbird Arena in Normal; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lady Cougars never trailed in their State
18 Championship match against the Columbia Eagles; they came
19 together as a team, played with purpose, and fought hard for
20 their victory; and

21 WHEREAS, This victory marks the Lady Cougars' second State
22 Championship in nine years; the win capped an exciting season
23 with an overall record of 34-9, including a 23-0 record against
24 Class A teams; in eight post-season matches, the Lady Cougars
25 did not lose a single game, and only one team was able to put up
26 more than twenty points a game against the amazing Lady
27 Cougars; and

28 WHEREAS, The proud community of Breese honored the Lady
29 Cougars with a hero's welcome upon their return from the State
30 Championship, including a parade celebrating their victory;

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2 WHEREAS, The Lady Cougars deserve recognition for their
3 inspiring victory; the team consists of Britni Holtmann,
4 Melanie Gartside, Bethany Becker, Sarah Barth, Megan Winkeler,
5 Cassy Becker, Lindsay Holtmann, Amanda Backes, Lauren Endres,
6 Kelsi Scheer, Kelsey Straeter, Lauren Budde, Brittany Schrage,
7 and Kassi Buehne; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the Lady Cougars volleyball team of Central
11 High School in Breese on winning the 2005 IHSA Class A State
12 Championship; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Lady Cougars Head Coach Jim Cook.