



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Niles North High School chess team recently
3 won its first IHSA State Chess Championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The team went into the Peoria tournament as top
5 seed in a field of 123 teams from across the State; the
6 12-student team battled through seven rounds of competition;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Each round consisted of eight individual games
9 played by members, with point values assigned based on the
10 level of difficulty each board represented; and

11 WHEREAS, Two team members, Ilan Meerovich and Ben
12 Rothschild, were named Illinois Chess Association Warren
13 Scholars, a program honoring players for reaching top echelons
14 of play nationally; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Meerovich, Mr. Rothschild, Jeff Paykin,
16 Joseph Lui, Rahesh Patel, Ninoshka Fernandes, Mike Thariath,
17 Alex Zatvornitsky, Igor Fortel, Oscar Miranda, and Matthew
18 Castillon were honored for the win by the Niles Township High
19 School District Board during its regular meeting; coaches Harry
20 Kyriazes, Heather Ingraham, and John Krestos were also honored;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate the Niles North High School chess team on
25 winning its first IHSA State Chess Championship; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to each of the coaches and members of the team as an
29 expression of our esteem.