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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone  
4 achievements in high school sports in the State of Illinois;  
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6           WHEREAS, The Centralia High School Boys Varsity Basketball  
7 Team, the Orphans, won the school's 2,000th game on Friday,  
8 February 15, 2008 at Mt. Vernon High School with a final score  
9 of Centralia 45, Mt. Vernon 43; and

10           WHEREAS, The Orphan team consists of Brandon Buchanan, Evan  
11 Burmester, Myron Cunningham, Adrian Dabney, Keith Johnson,  
12 Justin Keef, Ben Kracht, R.J. Kwiatkowski, Mark McConnaughay,  
13 Jake Prosis, Stile Smith, Devan Wells, and Carlton Westbrook;  
14 the Head Coach is Lee Bennett; the Assistant Coaches are Brad  
15 Goewey, Ryan Blaha, and Doug Jack; and the video person is  
16 DeAndre Williams; and

17           WHEREAS, Centralia Basketball has come a long way in the  
18 past 102 years; Centralia High School Basketball started in  
19 1906 and was played in the basement of "B" Building, which had  
20 a twelve foot high ceiling and supporting posts on the playing  
21 floor; in 1922, play was moved to a new gym which had seating  
22 only on the west side; in 1936, the current gym, named after

1 legendary coach A.L. Trout, was dedicated; A.L. Trout served as  
2 coach from 1914 until 1950 and holds the Illinois High School  
3 Boys Basketball coaching record of 809 wins at one school; and

4 WHEREAS, The nickname of the "Orphans" came from a comment  
5 made by a Chicago sports writer in 1937 at the Pontiac Holiday  
6 Tournament after the team came out for warm-ups in bedraggled  
7 suits and warm-up jackets with no buttons; Coach Trout liked  
8 the saying and tagged the club Orphans, a tradition that  
9 continues to this day; and

10 WHEREAS, Centralia High School is the second high school in  
11 the nation and the first in the State of Illinois to reach this  
12 milestone; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate the Centralia High School Boys Varsity Basketball  
16 Team on the school's 2,000th win and wish them continued  
17 success on the courts across Southern Illinois; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Head Coach Lee Bennett on behalf of the Centralia  
21 Orphans Basketball Team.