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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Laura Harms of the Chicago Bandits Women's Softball Team on her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Laura was born on February 26, 1982; she graduated from Bradley Bourbonnais High School in 2000 and from Bradley University in 2004; she was a two-time, first-team All-American at Kankakee Community College; and named Bradley University's Most Outstanding female athlete in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, While attending Bradley University she started every game in her two-year span as a Brave where she was a two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference selection; she compiled a career batting average of .353, which ranks second overall in school history, while her 135 hits during her tenure at Bradley is the most for any Brave during a two-year span; and

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WHEREAS, In 2005 she scored the first run in Chicago Bandit history; and

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WHEREAS, In 2008 she completed her fourth season with the Chicago Bandits and is an original member of the team since their formation in 2005; she hit .234 with 26 hits, 14 runs,

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1 and 8 RBI in 111 at-bats and added 2 doubles and 2 home runs to
2 her stat book; in addition, she walked three times with five
3 stolen bases and slugged .306 with a .261 on-base-percentage;
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5 WHEREAS, Laura works at Oak Athletic Development in
6 Kankakee, doing private softball lessons three days a week and
7 working as a sports performance coach the other three; and

8 WHEREAS, Laura is supported in her endeavors by her family,
9 including her mother, Cathy along with Robert; her father,
10 Keith Harms; and her brother, Tony; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Laura Harms and wish her the best in her future
14 endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Laura Harms as a symbol of our sincere respect.