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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Southeast High School Spartans Girls Track and Field team on winning the Girls Class 2A State championship at Eastern Illinois University on May 19, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, The Spartans Girls Track team Coach and Hall of Famer Tom McBride is retiring after 31 years of coaching; he moves into retirement after seeing his team win the State championship 3 years in a row; and

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WHEREAS, The Spartans Girls Track team had many highlights at the State meet, including bringing the gold medal home in the 4 x 100 relay, the 4 x 200 relay, the triple jump, the 100 yard dash, and the 200 yard dash; and

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WHEREAS, The Southeast Spartans Girls Track team also won the City Championship in 2012, the Central State Eight Conference Championship, and the Class 2A Lincoln Sectional Championship; and

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WHEREAS, Charday Crawford swept the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and also anchored the Spartans' first-place 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays; and

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1           WHEREAS, Southeast junior Brion Portis ran on the 4 x 200  
2 relay, and she also won the triple jump with a career-best  
3 39-feet-2½ leap on her final attempt; she also finished sixth  
4 in the long jump while teammate Shawnise Stelivan finished  
5 third; and

6           WHEREAS, Southeast edged Chicago Morgan Park 50-49 for last  
7 year's championship, and 2 years ago the Spartans won the State  
8 championship against Bloomington 57-48; and

9           WHEREAS, Coach McBride is a 1974 Southeast graduate who is  
10 retiring after 31 years as head coach; and

11           WHEREAS, The Spartans lost 2 assistant coaches this year:  
12 Dana Roundtree and Don Ewing; the winning year and the State  
13 Championship was dedicated in their memory; and

14           WHEREAS, The members of the Spartans Girls Track team that  
15 went to State are: Elizabeth Canady, Justice Collins, Charday  
16 Crawford, Halle Devoe, Dami Emuze, Jashay Fisher-Fowler,  
17 Kamaria Gage, K'Leesa Gilliam, Tashlyn Hall, Shirley Jones,  
18 Brion Portis, Jada Price, Shawnise Stelivan, Zaneta White,  
19 Shauniera Wilson, and Yakira Washington; the Assistant Coaches  
20 are Barb Montgomery, Shirley Bernstein, Leah Kincaid, Danyel  
21 Watters, and Reggie Brooks; and

1           WHEREAS, The Spartans Girls Track team are to be commended  
2           for their hard work and dedication and Coach Tom McBride is to  
3           be commended for leading a successful team to many victories  
4           over the years; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7           we congratulate the Southeast High School Spartans Girls Track  
8           team on a great season and an impressive championship victory  
9           and wish Coach Tom McBride all the best in his retirement; and  
10          be it further

11          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12          presented to the Southeast High School Spartans Girls Track and  
13          Field team and Coach Tom McBride as a symbol of our respect and  
14          esteem.