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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Illinois School for the Deaf boys track team on being named team of the year by USA Deaf Track & Field; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf track team has been named national champion 7 times in the past 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Nine of the Illinois School for the Deaf athletes finished in the top 8 in 13 of the 16 individual track events among schools nationwide; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf relay teams finished in the top 8 in all 4 events; and

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WHEREAS, Head coach Joe Lee was named coach of the year and Dwayne Esper was named Track Athlete of the Year; Dwayne finished the year as the top 200-meter runner in the nation, the top high jumper in the nation, 2nd in the 100 meter dash, and 2nd at the IHSA Class 1A track meet in the 200 meters; and

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WHEREAS, The team accomplishments this year include a regular season record of 15-0, a Tiger Invitational 1st place finish, a WIVC Conference 1st place finish, a Carrollton

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1 Invitational 1st place finish, a IHSA Sectional 1st place
2 finish, and a NDIAA National Championship; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship takes dedication
4 from all members of the team; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois School for the Deaf
6 track team are: Austin Bernal, Xavier Coleman, Dwayne Esper,
7 DeAndre Harris, Patrick Johnson, Adam Lyke, DaJaughn Matthews,
8 Andrew Nienhouse, John Potter, Shannone Turner, Dennis
9 Williams, Joshua Byther, Kawane Fleming, Jose Flores, Nathan
10 Michard, DeAndre Robinson, Casto Sanchez, Yahshua Caldwell,
11 Jamal Garner, Daniel Guzman, Julbert Jaimes, Yolandi Johnson,
12 Jordan Manges, Eric Moore, Marshaun Murphy, Chase O'Dell, Kaleb
13 Sleeth, Emmanuel Vasquez, L.J. Watts, Gabe Deluna, Daniel
14 Harper, Edwin Lazaro, and Sherron White; the team manager is
15 Giovanni Espejel; and

16 WHEREAS, The team is coached by Joe Lee, who is assisted by
17 Nancy Miller; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate the Illinois School for the Deaf track team on
21 their great accomplishment and wish them continued success in
22 all their future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Illinois School for the Deaf track team as a
3 symbol of our respect and esteem.