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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John Szabo on the occasion
4 of his retirement as Athletic Director at Bloomington High
5 School (BHS); and

6 WHEREAS, John Szabo is retiring from his position as
7 Athletic Director at Bloomington High School in Bloomington
8 School District 87 after 22 years; he taught Physical Education
9 for 11 years and also served as Head Coach for Boys' Track &
10 Field and Boys' & Girls' Cross Country; he spent a total of 33
11 years at BHS; and

12 WHEREAS, John Szabo led BHS's Boys' Track & Field team to
13 10 indoor and 8 outdoor conference championships, 5 Illinois
14 High School Association (IHSA) Sectional Championships, and
15 one 3rd place finish in the 2013 IHSA State Track Meet, giving
16 BHS its first State trophy; and

17 WHEREAS, John Szabo led BHS's Boys' & Girls' Cross Country
18 team to 11 conference championships, 16 IHSA Regional
19 Championships, and one IHSA Sectional Championship, with, over
20 the years, 13 boys' teams and one girls' team, qualifying for
21 IHSA State Cross Country Meets; and

1 WHEREAS, John Szabo was honored as Class AA Outstanding
2 Athletic Director of the Year in 2001 and 2003; he was inducted
3 into the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association
4 Hall of Fame in 2005, was selected National Federation of State
5 High School Associations Track & Field Coach of the Year in
6 2006, and was honored as Illinois Athletic Directors
7 Association Class 3A/4A Athletic Director of the Year in 2010;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, John Szabo has unselfishly given his time before,
10 during, and after school hours to support the Raiders in their
11 endeavors; he demonstrates his belief that every athlete in
12 every sport is important; he was an outstanding mentor to
13 youth, including 47 All-State Track & Field athletes and 13
14 All-State Cross Country runners; and

15 WHEREAS, John Szabo was instrumental in upgrading and
16 improving athletic facilities at BHS, benefiting all students
17 in District 87; and

18 WHEREAS, John Szabo has served as an active member of many
19 local boards and service clubs; and

20 WHEREAS, John Szabo has a wonderful family; he has been
21 married to Judy for more than 30 years, and they have 2 adult
22 children, Ashley and Andy, who both are graduates from BHS and

1 from college; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate John Szabo on his retirement as Athletic Director
5 at Bloomington High School; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to John Szabo as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.