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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jesse M. Campbell, age 37, is an American
3 Thoroughbred horse racing jockey who resides in Barrington and
4 grew up in Lake Zurich; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Campbell achieved a rare professional
6 milestone on May 18, 2015, when he won his 2,000th race aboard
7 Sweet Grass Creek at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada,
8 adding to a career earnings total that fewer than 100 jockeys
9 in the history of the sport have attained; and

10 WHEREAS, Jesse Campbell has more than 2,000 second-place
11 and more than 2,000 third-place finishes in a distinguished
12 career that includes the 2013 first-place finish aboard
13 Midnight Aria in the Queen's Plate, which is renowned as
14 "Canada's Kentucky Derby"; and

15 WHEREAS, Jesse Campbell comes from a four-generation horse
16 racing family, which includes his twin brother Joel Campbell, a
17 Chicago-area businessman who also professionally rides
18 Thoroughbreds and has 780 jockey wins, and his father Michael
19 Campbell, a horse trainer who currently serves as president of
20 the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Jesse Campbell began his professional riding

1 career at age 17 in 1995, winning his first race on July 20 of
2 that year aboard Apostle Island, a horse trained by his father
3 and bred by his grandfather, at Arlington Park Racetrack in
4 Illinois; he quickly gained notoriety the following season as
5 "Apprentice Rider of the Year" at Hawthorne Park Racetrack;
6 nearly 20 years later, he was blessed to have his wife, Allyson
7 Campbell, his daughter, Madison Campbell, and his mother,
8 Janice Campbell, in attendance to celebrate his 2,000th victory
9 at Woodbine; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Jesse Campbell on the occasion of entering that
13 elite status of Thoroughbred jockeys to have won 2,000 races
14 and wish him continued success in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Jesse Campbell as a symbol of our esteem and
17 respect.