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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate longtime Woodstock
4 resident and former Marian Central Catholic High School
5 Athletic Director, Hans Rokus, on his induction into the
6 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his
7 work as a coach and as a broadcaster; and

8 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus was born in Wehrden, Germany and came
9 to Rockford in 1953; and

10 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus attended St. Thomas High School in
11 Rockford from 1959 to 1962, where he played basketball and
12 holds the distinction of having scored the last two points for
13 the school's boys basketball team before the school closed in
14 1963; and

15 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus attended Rockford Boylan High School
16 for his senior year, where he continued to play basketball as a
17 varsity player; and

18 WHEREAS, While attending Northern Illinois University,
19 Hans Rokus coached two eighth grade basketball teams - St. Mary
20 School in DeKalb and St. Patrick School in Rockford; and

1 WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Hans Rokus was
2 hired by Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock to
3 coach and to teach social studies and religion; and

4 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus served as the head coach for the boys
5 sophomore basketball team and as the assistant boys varsity
6 basketball coach at Marian Central Catholic High School for 10
7 years before taking over as the boys varsity head coach and
8 athletic director in 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus coached until 1985 and retired as
10 athletic director in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, The broadcasting career of Hans Rokus began in the
12 late 1960s with WIWS out of Crystal Lake with a Saturday
13 morning show and basketball color commentary; he discontinued
14 with broadcasting during his busiest coaching years and
15 ultimately returned to broadcasting in the 1980s with WMCW in
16 Harvard, where he covered basketball and football games; he
17 continues as a broadcast volunteer today at WHIW-LP in Harvard;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Hans Rokus also serves as a Deacon and as the head
20 of the Baptismal Ministry at Saint Mary Catholic Church in
21 Woodstock; and

1 WHEREAS, The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held
2 on May 6, 2017 at Redbird Arena in Normal; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Hans Rokus on his coaching and broadcasting career
6 and applaud his selection for the Illinois Basketball Coaches
7 Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Hans Rokus as a symbol of our respect and esteem.