

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives would like to congratulate Tony Cork for
4 being inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country
5 Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Cork received a Bachelor's degree from
7 Millikin University in 1969 and a Master's degree in History
8 in 1972; he received a Ph.D. in Secondary Education from
9 Indiana State University in 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cork started his career at Robinson High
11 School in 1969 teaching history and helping coach the track
12 team; in 1977 he became boys head track coach and has held
13 that position for the past 26 years; in addition, he has been
14 the boys and girls cross country coach for the past 20 years;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his career with the Robinson High
17 Maroons, Coach Cork has led the boys track team to an
18 outstanding record of success including: winning the 1978
19 IHSA Class A State Meet, finishing in the top 11 in the State
20 Meet four other years, and winning 17 Class A sectional
21 titles; his teams hold 6 individual State Championships and
22 one relay State Championship, and Coach Cork has had numerous
23 athletes advance to the State finals; the Maroons have a
24 career record in dual/triangular/quadrangular meets from
25 1977-2002 of 251 wins and 3 losses and also hold a State
26 record of 225 straight winning dual/triangular/quadrangular
27 meets from 1976-1999; and

28 WHEREAS, As the head coach of both the boys and girls
29 cross country teams since 1983, he has led the teams to a
30 combined 22 IHSA Class A regional titles, and a combined 6
31 IHSA Class A sectional titles; he has sent the boys team to
32 the State Finals for 13 consecutive years, and the girls have

1 advanced to the State Finals 8 times; both teams have placed
2 in the top 10 at State finals; and he had produced 84
3 All-Apollo Conference runners; and

4 WHEREAS, Tony Cork's enthusiastic contribution of his
5 time and talent has richly benefited the students of Robinson
6 High School and their community; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Tony Cork on his induction into the Illinois
10 Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame and
11 wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Tony Cork as an expression of our respect and
15 esteem.