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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Coach Mike
4 Shanahan, a two-time graduate of Eastern Illinois University,
5 on completing his first season as Executive Vice President/Head
6 Coach of the Washington Redskins; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan was born on August 24, 1952 in Oak
8 Park; he is a 1970 graduate of East Leyden High School in
9 Franklin Park; he attended Eastern Illinois University and
10 earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1974 and his Master of
11 Science degree in 1975; he played quarterback until his junior
12 season when his career was cut short due to an injury; he was
13 inducted into the Eastern Illinois University Hall of Fame in
14 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, He served as an assistant coach at Eastern
16 Illinois University for his final two seasons in Charleston
17 before serving on the coaching staff at the University of
18 Oklahoma in 1975, going on to win the NCAA Division I national
19 championship; after spending the 1977 season at Northern
20 Arizona University, he returned to Eastern Illinois University
21 to serve as the offensive coordinator for the 1978 squad that
22 captured the NCAA Division II national crown and set 25 school
23 records; and

1 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan's collegiate coaching career
2 includes coaching with the University of Minnesota as offensive
3 coordinator in 1979, and from 1980 to 1984 he served at the
4 University of Florida as the offensive coordinator; and

5 WHEREAS, His NFL assistant coaching career includes
6 serving as the Denver Broncos' wide receiver coach in 1984 and
7 offensive coordinator from 1985 to 1987; from 1992 to 1994 he
8 served as the offensive coordinator for the San Francisco
9 49ers, where he coached NFL Hall of Famer Steve Young in
10 addition to helping the 49ers win Super Bowl XXIX; and

11 WHEREAS, His NFL head coaching career includes serving as
12 the head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders from 1988 to 1989;
13 from 1995 to 2008 he served as the head coach of the Denver
14 Broncos; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan, as the head coach of the Denver
16 Broncos, guided the franchise to two Super Bowl victories in
17 1997 and 1998, in addition to making three conference
18 championship game appearances and leading the Broncos to seven
19 postseason berths and nine winning seasons; he also posted the
20 most wins in pro football history in a three-year period (46
21 from 1996 to 1998) and won the most playoff games in pro
22 football history over a two-year period with seven from 1997 to

1 1998; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan started his third head coaching job
3 in the NFL on January 6, 2010, assuming the position of
4 Executive Vice President/Head Coach of the Washington
5 Redskins; and

6 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan is married to Peggy, and they have
7 two children, son Kyle, and daughter Krystal; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Mike Shanahan and wish him continued success
11 for years to come; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Washington Redskins Executive Vice President/Head
14 Coach Mike Shanahan as a symbol of our respect and esteem.