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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Paul and Barbara  
4 Segobiano on the occasion of their 58 years of dedicated  
5 service to the Bloomington Knockers Youth Football Team; and

6           WHEREAS, The Bloomington Knockers Youth Football Team is a  
7 program that gives kids in the community a chance to learn the  
8 skills and fundamentals of the game; for 3 months each fall,  
9 Paul and Barbara Segobiano have dedicated themselves to working  
10 with children ages 8-15; they have helped to provide an  
11 opportunity for children of all economic and ethnic backgrounds  
12 to participate in a highly respected program; the Bloomington  
13 Knockers program has mentored and inspired over 6,000 children  
14 through the program while teaching them the values of  
15 tolerance, hard work, discipline, and respect; and

16           WHEREAS, Paul Segobiano was born and raised on  
17 Bloomington's west side; he was driven to form the Knockers  
18 after noticing that youth football players on the west side  
19 were facing better equipped players from elsewhere; he  
20 approached Father George Casper, a priest at St. Patrick's  
21 Catholic Church, who helped raise funds for the program; Paul  
22 Segobiano then allowed Father Casper to name the team; Father  
23 Casper chose the name Knockers in honor of the Knock Shrine in

1 western Ireland, where a fellow priest's blind mother  
2 reportedly had her sight restored; and

3 WHEREAS, The vision for the Knockers was clear from the  
4 start: to teach discipline and respect for others and to create  
5 a family atmosphere; and

6 WHEREAS, The heart and soul of the Knockers Program has  
7 been Paul and Barbara Segobiano; and

8 WHEREAS, Paul and Barbara Segobiano have been married for  
9 59 years and have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 5  
10 great-grandchildren; they are both graduates of Trinity High  
11 School and have served on several school committees at St.  
12 Patrick's, St. Mary's, and Central Catholic High School; and

13 WHEREAS, Barbara Segobiano is a registered nurse and a  
14 survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor; she helped start the  
15 Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Hospital and co-chaired the  
16 first Twin Cities Festival; and

17 WHEREAS, Paul Segobiano is a Director of the Great Plains  
18 LIFE Foundation; he has also been elected to the McLean County  
19 Board for 42 years and has worked with many community  
20 organizations; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Paul and Barbara Segobiano on the occasion of  
4           their 58 years of dedicated service to the Bloomington Knockers  
5           Youth Football Team and wish them great happiness and success  
6           in the future; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Paul and Barbara Segobiano as a symbol of our  
9           respect and esteem.