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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the University of  
4 Illinois at Chicago men's baseball team, the Flames, on winning  
5 the 2017 Horizon League Tournament and securing a bid to the  
6 NCAA Tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, This was the fifth time in program history that  
8 the Flames won the Horizon League Tournament; the victory  
9 marked the 39th of the season, matching the program record  
10 previously achieved in both 2002 and 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, The Flames have earned the conference's automatic  
12 bid into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, David Cronin was named the Most Valuable Player of  
14 the Horizon League Championship; he was joined on the  
15 All-Tournament Team by fellow teammates Reid Birlingmair, Cody  
16 Bohanek, Jake Dahlberg, and Mickey McDonald; and

17 WHEREAS, The Flames lowered their staff ERA to 2.57 on the  
18 season, second in the nation behind Oregon State; the Flames  
19 boasted the top fielding-percentage defense in the NCAA  
20 entering the championship game and did not commit a defensive  
21 miscue in three Horizon League Championship games; the Flames

1 batted .303 in the tournament; and

2 WHEREAS, The Flames are coached by Head Coach Mike Dee,  
3 Assistant Head Coach Sean McDermott, Assistant Coach John  
4 Flood, and Assistant Coach Brian Harris; they are supported by  
5 Bill Seiple, Denny Wills, Nick Zostautas, Darren Kent, Dr.  
6 Wendy Borlabi, and Rachel Webb; and

7 WHEREAS, The Flames are David Cronin, Brandon Gibis, Josh  
8 Gere, Thomas Norton, Riley Hebert, Scott Ota, Matt Bottcher,  
9 Garrett Myers, Jack Andersen, Jake Dahlberg, Joey Fredrickson,  
10 Mickey McDonald, Reid Birlingmair, Mitchell Schulewitz, Austin  
11 Smith, Noah Masa, Fred Gosbeth, Ricardo Ramirez, Rob Calabrese,  
12 Alex Padilla, Bowen Ogata, Alex Dee, Chris Macahon, Connor  
13 Ryan, Jacob Key, Wyatt Trautwein, Cody Bohanek, Sam Ballard,  
14 Derrick Patrick, Danny Riley, Ryan Campbell, Joshua Figueroa,  
15 Jordan Krueger, and Charlie Cerny; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate the University of Illinois at Chicago men's  
19 baseball team, the Flames, on winning the 2017 Horizon League  
20 Tournament and securing a bid to the NCAA Tournament; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Flames as a symbol of our respect and esteem.