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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Murphysboro Eighth  
4 Grade Volleyball Team on winning the Southern Illinois Junior  
5 High School Athletic Association (SIJHSAA) Class L State  
6 Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Murphysboro Blue Devils defeated DuQuoin in  
8 two closely-fought sets by scores of 26-24 and 25-23 to win the  
9 State Championship for the second straight year, finishing the  
10 season with an overall record of 28-8 and 12-0 in the  
11 Conference; and

12 WHEREAS, In the run-up to the State Championship, the Blue  
13 Devils also captured their eighth consecutive Junior Southwest  
14 Egyptian Conference title; and

15 WHEREAS, The Blue Devils have not only excelled on the  
16 court but also in the classroom, with a team average GPA of a  
17 3.7 on a 4.0 scale; and

18 WHEREAS, This season also featured the 1,000th combined  
19 career volleyball win for Blue Devils Head Coach Mike Layne,  
20 who has coached volleyball within the Murphysboro School  
21 District at both the middle and high school levels; and

1           WHEREAS, The Assistant Coach of the Blue Devils is Jessica  
2 Whitehead, and the team is helped out by volunteer coaches Fred  
3 Schnautz, Darrly Backstrom, Lisa Shields, Marian Laughland,  
4 and Mike Laughland, as well as bus driver Roy Overturf, who has  
5 driven the team to every game for the past three years; and

6           WHEREAS, The Blue Devils are Kayden Gilmore, Maddie Dallas,  
7 Malorie Gill, Zoey Cox, Sarah Cook, Morgan Boucher, Annie  
8 Decker, Hailey Tellor, Ellee Doerr, Alyssa Werner, Carlee  
9 Pullis, Brynnlie Fox, Lillie Rudolph, Shelby Cook, Tabytha  
10 Young, India Harris, and manager Emily Cue; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate the Murphysboro Blue Devils Eighth Grade  
14 Volleyball Team on winning the SIJHSAA Class L State  
15 Championships, and we admire their commitment and dedication  
16 not only to their sport, but to their studies as well; and be  
17 it further

18           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 presented to all members and coaches of the Blue Devils as a  
20 symbol of our respect and esteem.