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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Rochester High School
4 football team, the Rockets, for winning the 2019 5A State
5 Championship on November 30, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Bouncing back from a second place finish in 2018,
7 the Rochester Rockets represented the Central State 8
8 Conference at Huskie Stadium on the campus of Northern Illinois
9 University and handed the Mustangs of Chicago St. Rita a loss
10 by a score of 42-28; and

11 WHEREAS, Led by Head Coach Derek Leonard, the Rochester
12 Rockets finished the season with a record of 13 wins and one
13 loss; en route to the Championship, they won four playoff games
14 against LaSalle-Peru, Highland, Springfield rival Sacred
15 Heart-Griffin, and Mascoutah by a combined score of 215-102;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Previously playing at the 4A level, the Rochester
18 Rockets were moved into the 5A class for the 2019 playoffs,
19 where the team continued its historic run; and

20 WHEREAS, Tallying this most recent championship, Rochester
21 has won eight titles since 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, Only four high schools in Illinois football
2 playoff history have won more state titles than Rochester; and

3 WHEREAS, At the helm of the offense in the State
4 Championship game, All-State Quarterback Clay Bruno threw for
5 315 yards and four touchdowns and caught a touchdown; Bruno
6 connected with his number one target, Hank Beatty, for 12
7 completions, 212 yards, and three touchdowns; and

8 WHEREAS, The Rochester High School varsity football roster
9 includes players Logan Peters, Jarrett Reed, Jayden Myren,
10 Malachi Edgington, Henry Patterson, Clay Bruno, Matthew Baker,
11 Anthony Marinelli, Christian Creviston, Hank Beatty, Jordan
12 Raps, Josiah Moore, Jacob Gunter, Jack Friedewald, Brandon
13 Raps, Mason Wheeler, Joe Young, Nathaniel Adams, Carter
14 Sternitzke, Seth Parkinson, Hayden Phillips, Keith Jones,
15 David Yoggerst, Brock Casey, Daniel Chapin, Brayden Perisho,
16 Cole Edgington, Jack Bruso, Zane Geller, Tanner Hayden, Jack
17 Teeter, Ian Lichtenberger, Zach Gleeson, Jacob DuRocher,
18 Dalton Tieman, Keeton Reiss, Austin Adcock, PJ Jerszynski, Zach
19 Adcock, Cody Parnell, Johnny Neal, Ethan Hughes, Cody Hunt,
20 Tyler Vollintine, Jack Meadows, Blaine Gilley, Darren Carner,
21 Wes Moore, Isaac Drum, Will Ryan, Drew Davis, Josh Scranton,
22 David Ryan, Connor Shaughnessy, Dalton Garecht, Mitchell
23 Morris, Aidyn Ori, Tyler Houger, Blake Buckles, Justin Jones,

1 Tyler Wetherell, Jordan Edmonds, Jacob Garfield, Connor
2 Sweeney, Will Rutherford, Brayden Rowden, Nathaniel Sampson,
3 Shawn Dulin, Grant Wisecup, Will Ryan, Camden Ramsey, Logan
4 Perkins, Nathan Jackson, Ryan Kleingartner, Colten Stock,
5 Alexander Kuhlman, Carter Sommer, Braedon Rice, Chris
6 Koerwitz, Nathan Hoerner, Ethan Vose, Jace Benton, Brady Baird,
7 Tyler Gade, Kyler Benton, Ryan Robinson, Jackson Schaller,
8 Cameron Beal, Kolton Reiser, Brendan McClanahan, Clay Alewelt,
9 Cole Peters, and Ethan Clarke; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Head Coach, Derek Leonard,
11 the Rocket coaching staff includes assistant coaches, Derrick
12 Nelson, Steve Buecker, JC Clarke, Tyson Corley, Jim Smith,
13 Brett Tackett, Jim Rychel, Rich McMahan, Tyler Mazzini, Eric
14 Warren, AJ Hill, and Manny Minter; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the Rochester High School football team, the
18 Rockets, for winning the 2019 IHSA Class 5A State Championship
19 and wish the program future success; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to Head Coach Derek Leonard and Principal Brent
22 Ashbaugh.