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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 Men's Basketball Team, the Fighting Illini, on  
5 winning the 2021 Big Ten Tournament Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois earned their third overall Big Ten  
7 Tournament title in a 91-88 overtime victory over Ohio State  
8 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 14,  
9 2021; they also won the tournament in 2003 and 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois has the third-most all-time Big Ten  
11 Tournament wins with 31; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois has the second-most Big Ten Tournament  
13 championship game appearances, advancing to the title game  
14 seven times; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinois won its three Big Ten Tournament games  
16 by an average margin of 12 points, tied for the  
17 seventh-highest margin in tournament history; the record is  
18 14.3 set by the 2003 Fighting Illini; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois enters the NCAA Tournament as No. 1 seed  
20 in the Midwest region; this is the fourth time they have been

1 selected as a number one seed and the first since the 2005 NCAA  
2 Tournament; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate the University of Illinois Men's Basketball  
6 Team, the Fighting Illini, on winning the 2021 Big Ten  
7 Tournament Championship, and we wish them great success in the  
8 upcoming NCAA Tournament; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to the members and coaches of the Fighting Illini.