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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the University of St.
4 Francis Men's Bowling Team, the Fighting Saints, on winning
5 the inaugural 2021 NAIA National Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, The University of St. Francis bowling program is
7 in its 8th season; and

8 WHEREAS, The Saints were the 2020 Ebonite Warhawk Open
9 Tournament champions; and

10 WHEREAS, The Saints were the runner up at the 2021 Hoosier
11 Classic tournament, which has participants from top bowling
12 teams from all over the nation and is considered a key
13 tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2021, the Saints won a series of
15 victories, including winning six games in a row, to secure a
16 chance at the championship the next day; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 27, 2021, the Saints won a 192-167
18 victory over Martin Methodist College at Five Star Lanes in
19 Sterling Heights, Michigan to win the 2021 NAIA National
20 Championship; and

1 WHEREAS, The Saints have been coached this season by Head
2 Coach Tony Talley and Assistant Coach Michael Kicmal; and

3 WHEREAS, The Saints are Theron Mitchell, Alec Dudley, Eric
4 Kramer, Michael Nape Jr., Jacob Hubbs, Robert Kicmal, Brandon
5 Williamson, and Chris Kelley; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the University of St. Francis Men's Bowling
9 Team of Joliet, the Fighting Saints, on winning the inaugural
10 2021 NAIA National Championship, and we honor them as models
11 of hard work, dedication, and team spirit; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to Head Coach Tony Talley and Assistant Coach
14 Michael Kicmal as a symbol of our esteem and respect.