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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Southeastern Illinois
4 College speech team, the Forensic Falcons, on their
5 first-place team overall victory at the Phi Rho Pi Nationals
6 on April 11, 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois College Forensic
8 Falcons' first-place finish in the Phi Rho Pi Nationals open
9 division is the third in the team's 51-year history and the
10 first since 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois College Forensic
12 Falcons also took first place in the International Forensics
13 Association's 2021 International Tournament; they are only the
14 2nd community college to do so in the tournament's 35 year
15 history; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2021 Phi Rho Pi national tournament marks the
17 end of the Forensic Falcons' undefeated season, which also
18 included state, regional, and international titles; and

19 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois College Forensic
20 Falcons have a long history of success and have consistently
21 finished in the top 5 nationally for nearly 40 years; and

1 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois College Forensic
2 Falcons have never been defeated by another Illinois community
3 college in national competition for over 20 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois College speech program
5 has been consistently ranked a top 50 program nationally for
6 both two-year and four-year programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Sophomore Shainna Ralston earned the Bovero-Tabor
8 award as the top speaker in the nation, becoming the third
9 student from SIC to bring home top honors; and

10 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Illinois Forensic Falcons are
11 Shainna Ralston, Bradlee Frailey, Addie Hanks, Addie Mays,
12 Haley Rice, Tiffany Turner, Nick Triplett, Kale Rister, Collin
13 Sexton, Hunter Rechsteiner, and Javen Wendler; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the Southeastern Illinois College speech team,
18 the Forensic Falcons, on their victory at Phi Rho Pi
19 Nationals, and we commend their hard work, dedication, and
20 team spirit; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to Coach Jenny Billman, Coach John Corum, Coach Paul
3 Cummins, and Southeastern Illinois College President Jonah
4 Rice as a symbol of our respect and esteem.