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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bret Bielema on being
4 named the new head coach of the University of Illinois
5 football team in December 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Bret Bielema is the 26th head football coach in
7 the 132-year history of the program; and

8 WHEREAS, Bret Bielema has 24 years of collegiate coaching
9 experience and compiled a 12-year record of 97 wins and 58
10 losses as head coach at Wisconsin and Arkansas; from 2013 to
11 2017, he spent five seasons as head coach at Arkansas, where he
12 led the team to three consecutive bowl games, including
13 victories against Texas in 2014 and Kansas State in 2015; from
14 2006 to 2012, he led Wisconsin to three Big Ten championships
15 (2010-12), six consecutive bowl games, and a 68 and 24 record;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Bret Bielema played for and coached under
18 Hall-of-Famer Hayden Fry, helping Iowa to a share of the 1990
19 Big Ten title with Illinois; after two years as a graduate
20 assistant and six seasons as linebacker coach at Iowa, he
21 spent two years as co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State
22 under Hall-of-Famer Bill Snyder, helping the team win the 2003

1 Big 12 Championship; two seasons later, he was named defensive
2 coordinator at Wisconsin under Hall-of-Famer Barry Alvarez;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Bret Bielema is a native of Prophetstown;
5 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 Bret Bielema on being named the new head coach
9 of the University of Illinois football team, and we wish him
10 many successful seasons ahead; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Bret Bielema as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.