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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Antioch Vikings
4 Football and Cheer on the occasion of the organization's 50th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1970, the Antioch Vikings Junior Tackle
7 Football was founded by Richard "Leo" McGrain with the help of
8 Jim Walsh, Ron Vogt, Russ Lehn, and many others who were part
9 of the Junior Football League of Northern Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The Vikings are now part of The Chicagoland Youth
11 Football League and the Illinois Cheer Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Cheerleading officially became part of the
13 Vikings in the early 1980s, transforming the organization into
14 the Antioch Vikings Youth Football and Cheer; and

15 WHEREAS, The Vikings used Williams Park along with Antioch
16 High School as their first home fields; the team then moved to
17 Polley Field and Antioch Upper Grade School before moving to
18 the Tim Osmond Sports Complex; and

19 WHEREAS, The Vikings team colors were originally orange
20 and brown from the 1970s to the 1980s, switching to black and

1 gold during the 1990s to the 2010s; the team's colors are
2 currently black and crimson; and

3 WHEREAS, The Antioch Vikings Football and Cheer will
4 celebrate its anniversary with a naming and dedication
5 ceremony of its stadium and grandstands on October 2, 2022;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The stadium will be named Viking Stadium in honor
8 of all those who founded the Vikings and those that carried and
9 continue to carry the tradition of sportsmanship, leadership,
10 volunteerism, and community with the Vikings name; and

11 WHEREAS, The bleachers will be named the John F. Nebel
12 Grandstands in honor of John F. Nebel, who served the Vikings
13 program as a board member, president, coach, mentor, friend,
14 and shining example of the Viking spirit; he, along with many
15 volunteers, led the effort to secure a donation for the
16 bleachers from the Naval Station Great Lakes; and

17 WHEREAS, The Antioch Vikings Football and Cheer's current
18 board includes President Darren Smith, Vice President of
19 Football Andrew Waszczyk, Vice President of Cheer Allisa
20 Fancke, Football Player Personnel Director Richard Lee, Cheer
21 Player Personnel Director Christina Barrera, Treasurer Nilesh
22 Patel, Registrar Amber Campbell, Football Equipment Director

1 Cameron Campbell, Cheer Equipment Director Chelsea Leedle,
2 Field Director Justin Puentes, Field Director Carl Painter,
3 Field Director Travis Hammond, Team Mom Coordinator Heather
4 Wickert, Flag Director Jon Aldana, Concessions Director Chris
5 Igou, and Secretary Dan Bender; 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 Antioch Vikings Football and Cheer on the
9 organization's 50th anniversary, and we recognize the men and
10 women who started and have continued to nurture the Antioch
11 Vikings Football and Cheer program, from the founders to every
12 past and present board member, president, coach, volunteer,
13 player, and cheerleader; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we wish the Antioch Vikings Football and
15 Cheer continued success; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Antioch Vikings Football and Cheer
18 organization as an expression of our esteem and respect.