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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Kankakee High School
4 boys track and field team, the Chief Kays, on the occasion of
5 winning the IHSA Class 2A State Finals; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays scored 62 points, earning 28 more
7 than co-runners-up, Mount Vernon and Mount Zion; the team
8 scored points in nine events, with seven athletes combining to
9 win 19 individual and relay medals; and

10 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays are comprised of many talented
11 kids; sophomore Jayon Morrow won four medals, running on the
12 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter, and 4x400-meter relays and taking
13 second place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.97
14 seconds; junior Naz Hill earned three medals in the
15 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays and the long jump with a
16 distance of 6.74 meters; junior Tyrice Bender earned medals
17 for running on all three relays; seniors Aarion Brown, running
18 on the 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relays, Jalen Townsend,
19 running on the 4x400-meter relay and placing eighth in the
20 300-meter hurdles with a time of 40.96 seconds, and Nickolos
21 Hall, placing ninth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of
22 15.43 seconds, all made huge contributions to the team's win;
23 and

1 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays were also joined in celebrations
2 with the Kankakee High School girls track and field team, the
3 Lady Kays, as they too won the IHSA Class 2A State Finals,
4 marking the first team state championships ever won by
5 Kankakee High School; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays and the Lady Kays are not only
7 special but also inspirational; the teams were sadly hit with
8 the loss of two assistant coaches, Jemiya Bates and Chwan
9 Wilson, with Coach Bates dying of brain cancer and Coach
10 Wilson passing due to COVID-19 complications; these teams took
11 their late coaches' passion and love to heart, making both
12 proud by working together to overcome their competition; and

13 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays were led by Head Coach Marques
14 Lowe, Assistant Coaches Erica Baptist, the late Jemiya Bates,
15 Sarah Ganster, Rich Olmstead, and the late Chwan Wilson, and
16 Meet Director Kurt Weigt; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chief Kays' achievement will be celebrated
18 for years to come, and the memories made by the team will be
19 cherished forever; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate the Kankakee High School boys track and field
2 team, the Chief Kays, on winning the IHSA Class 2A State
3 Finals; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Chief Kays as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.