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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate former Illinois State
4 University (ISU) football legend and NFL standout James Harvey
5 "Boomer" Grigsby on the occasion of being selected for
6 induction into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, A three-time First Team All-American in 2002,
8 2003, and 2004, Boomer Grigsby remains the Football
9 Championship Subdivision (FCS) leader in career tackles with
10 550, career solo tackles with 325, single-season tackles per
11 game with 16.27 in 2002, and single-season solo tackles per
12 game with 9.82 in 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, As a standout linebacker, Boomer Grigsby is the
14 only player in history to finish in the top three for the Buck
15 Buchanan Award in three consecutive seasons; he ranks second
16 all-time in FCS history with 12.5 tackles per game during his
17 career and boasts two of the top three single-season solo
18 tackle performances in FCS history with 108 in 2002 and 109 in
19 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, Boomer Grigsby won the College Sporting News FCS
21 Defensive Player of the Year award twice, and the award has
22 since been renamed in his honor; and

1 WHEREAS, The only three-time Missouri Valley Football
2 Conference (MVFC) Defensive Player of the Year in league
3 history, Boomer Grigsby was a three-time First Team All-MVFC
4 selection and remains the all-time leading tackler in
5 conference and school history, being credited by both the MVFC
6 and ISU with 580 career tackles; and

7 WHEREAS, Boomer Grigsby was an honorable mention
8 all-conference selection when he was named to the MVFC
9 All-Newcomer Team in 2001; he led the FCS in tackles in 2002,
10 led the conference in tackles three times, and led ISU in
11 tackles all four seasons; a three-time team captain, he was
12 also twice named the ISU Milt Weisbecker Male Athlete of the
13 Year and was inducted into the ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall
14 of Fame in 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, Boomer Grigsby was a fifth-round pick in the 2005
16 NFL Draft; he played in the league for the Kansas City Chiefs
17 from 2005 to 2007, the Miami Dolphins in 2008, and the Houston
18 Texans in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, Off the field, Boomer Grigsby established the
20 Boomer Grigsby Foundation, and he has volunteered with Jared
21 Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors and the Special Olympics;
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1 WHEREAS, Boomer Grigsby continued his relationship with
2 ISU football as the color analyst for Redbird football
3 broadcasts on NBC Sports Chicago for three seasons; he also
4 served as a television analyst for the Illinois High School
5 Association's football playoff broadcasts for two years; and

6 WHEREAS, Boomer Grigsby and the rest of the 2022 class are
7 among only 1,056 players and 226 coaches to have been inducted
8 into the College Football Hall of Fame from the nearly 5.62
9 million individuals who have played or coached; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate James Harvey "Boomer" Grigsby on being
14 inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame and for his
15 accomplishments both on and off the field, and we wish him the
16 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Boomer Grigsby as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.