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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Edwardsville High School  
4 and its student athletes, the Tigers, on an incredibly  
5 successful spring 2022 athletic season, with three sports  
6 ranking among the top teams in the State; and

7           WHEREAS, The Tigers varsity baseball team had an  
8 incredible season, recording the second-highest number of  
9 single-season wins in program history and collectively scoring  
10 over 300 runs during the season while allowing less than 100  
11 runs to be scored against them; and

12           WHEREAS, In June of 2022, the varsity baseball team won  
13 the 2022 state championship in a 4 to 3 victory during the  
14 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 4A Boys Baseball  
15 State Final, ending the team's season with an overall record  
16 of 36 wins and 4 losses and securing the fourth state  
17 championship in program history; and

18           WHEREAS, The Tigers varsity boys track & field team also  
19 had an extraordinary season, placing first overall at half of  
20 its meets and breaking program records in five events  
21 throughout the season; and

1           WHEREAS, In May of 2022, the boys track & field team placed  
2 second overall at the IHSA 3A Boys State Track & Field  
3 Championships; the team qualified for six events at the state  
4 meet, with athletes competing in the finals for the 1600 meter  
5 race, the 3200 meter race, and the triple jump event; and

6           WHEREAS, Boys track & field runner Ryan Watts took first  
7 place in both the 1600 and 3200 meter races in the state  
8 finals; and

9           WHEREAS, The Tigers varsity softball team also had a  
10 spectacular 2022 season, recording 22 shutouts during their  
11 season and winning an incredible 33 out of 37 games; and

12           WHEREAS, In June of 2022, the softball team placed third  
13 at the IHSA Class 4A Girls Softball State Final Tournament;  
14 the team displayed great teamwork and dedication in the final  
15 game, managing to create an eventual game-winning rally in the  
16 fourth inning to overcome the early lead generated by the  
17 opposing team; and

18           WHEREAS, These victories for Edwardsville High School  
19 would not have been possible without the knowledge, passion,  
20 and dedication of the coaches who mentored and trained these  
21 athletes every day, including Head Baseball Coach Tim  
22 Funkhouser, Head Boys Track & Field Coach Chad Lakatos, Head

1 Softball Coach Lori Blade, and numerous assistant coaches;  
2 Coach Funkhouser and Coach Blade have both dedicated over 20  
3 years to coaching high school students and have led  
4 Edwardsville High School teams to multiple state tournaments  
5 in that time; 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 Edwardsville High School and its student  
9 athletes, the Tigers, on an incredibly successful spring 2022  
10 athletic season; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Edwardsville High School's  
12 coaches and supporters on their success, and we thank them for  
13 their guidance and dedication to the student athletes; and be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Edwardsville High School as an expression of our  
17 respect and esteem.