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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ken Leonard on the  
4 occasion of his retirement as head coach of the Sacred  
5 Heart-Griffin (SHG) High School football team, the Cyclones,  
6 at the end of the 2022 season; and

7           WHEREAS, Coach Leonard has been coaching football since  
8 1980; over his 42 seasons as a football coach, he has achieved  
9 an overall record of 419-81; and

10           WHEREAS, Coach Leonard has served as head coach of the SHG  
11 Cyclones in Springfield since 1984; while coaching at SHG, he  
12 has achieved an overall record of 387-72; and

13           WHEREAS, During his tenure, Coach Leonard has led his team  
14 to 11 state championships, achieving victories in 2005, 2006,  
15 2008, 2013, 2014, and 2022; he has also led his team to four  
16 additional title-game appearances; and

17           WHEREAS, In his last season, Coach Leonard successfully  
18 led his team to the state championship game one more time; and

19           WHEREAS, Outside his work on the field, Coach Leonard  
20 served as the athletic director of SHG; and

1           WHEREAS, Coach Leonard, known affectionately as "Mr. SHG",  
2 will retire as the all-time winningest football coach in  
3 Illinois High School Association history; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Ken Leonard on his retirement as head coach of  
7 the Sacred Heart-Griffin (SHG) High School football team, the  
8 Cyclones, recognize his years of service and dedication to the  
9 team, and wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Ken Leonard as an expression of our esteem and  
13 respect.