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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) has  
3 officially supported girls and boys gymnastics for 50 and 70  
4 years respectively; and

5           WHEREAS, Illinois gymnastics has enjoyed working  
6 cooperatively with the IHSA in order to provide a meaningful  
7 and healthy alternative to more traditional and team sports,  
8 following IHSA's core principle that each and every student is  
9 important; and

10           WHEREAS, Boys gymnastics provides an opportunity for those  
11 boys who generally do not have the physical stature that is  
12 required to excel in other sports; and

13           WHEREAS, Local school districts, parents, teachers,  
14 coaches, and athletes are supportive of gymnastics in Illinois  
15 and have not initiated any effort to the IHSA to remove it as  
16 an official support in Illinois; and

17           WHEREAS, Illinois high school gymnastics programs have  
18 yielded Olympic Gold Medal winners, NCAA National  
19 Championships, and a diversity of citizens who continue to  
20 contribute to the well-being of our State; and

1           WHEREAS, Official support of gymnastics by the IHSA does  
2 not prevent a school from discontinuing or adding the sport to  
3 its student athlete programs, but eliminating it as an  
4 official IHSA sport would have a negative impact on students  
5 and coaches; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the Illinois High School Association and  
9 Illinois' students, coaches, and parents on 70 years of boys  
10 gymnastics and 50 years of girls gymnastics achievements; and  
11 be it further

12           RESOLVED, That we commend the IHSA for its continued  
13 official support of boys and girls gymnastics in the State of  
14 Illinois; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the IHSA as a symbol of our respect and esteem.