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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Without Limits - Team  
4 Galaxy Special Olympics Cheer Team on the occasion of being  
5 invited to be a part of the Special Olympics International  
6 Cheer Team for the 2023 Special Olympics World Games; and

7           WHEREAS, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
8 Cheer Team is one of five teams in the United States to be  
9 selected as a part of the Special Olympics International Cheer  
10 Team for the 2023 Special Olympics World Games, the world's  
11 largest inclusive sports event, which will be held in Berlin,  
12 Germany from June 17 to June 25, 2023; and

13           WHEREAS, After cheer was recognized as a sport by Special  
14 Olympics International, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special  
15 Olympics Cheer Team was formed by Kati Hassall in the fall of  
16 2019; unfortunately, the new team was paused due to the  
17 COVID-19 pandemic, but the team was reinstated by Lisa Elbe in  
18 July 2021; and

19           WHEREAS, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
20 Cheer Team became the first Special Olympics Cheer Team of its  
21 kind in Southern Illinois and is based in Belleville; and

1           WHEREAS, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
2 Cheer Team has grown to include almost 30 members, ranging in  
3 age from 11 to 30 years old, with its members representing a  
4 variety of disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy,  
5 down syndrome, and DDX3X syndrome; and

6           WHEREAS, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
7 Cheer Team has performed and continues to perform at local  
8 Special Olympic events and other community events and parades;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
11 Cheer Team is led by Cheer Coach Lisa Elbe; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics  
15 Cheer Team on being invited to join the Special Olympics  
16 International Cheer Team for the 2023 Special Olympics World  
17 Games, and we wish the team continued success in its future  
18 endeavors; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Cheer Coach Lisa Elbe as an expression of our  
21 esteem and respect.