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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Jacksonville High
4 School dance team, the J'ettes, on winning the 2023 Illinois
5 High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A Competitive Dance
6 Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The IHSA Class 1A Competitive Dance Division,
8 which is divided into five sectionals consisting of
9 approximately 80 dance teams, was held at the Grossinger
10 Motors Arena in Bloomington from January 27 to January 28,
11 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, The J'ettes passed the preliminary round on
13 January 27, where the top 30 teams competed for the final 12
14 spots, advancing to compete in the finals on January 28; and

15 WHEREAS, The J'ettes finished with a score of 92.40, just
16 edging ahead of Morris Community High School, which scored
17 92.35; and

18 WHEREAS, The J'ettes made history by earning the top spot
19 in the IHSA Class 1A Competitive Dance Division, giving
20 Jacksonville High School its first IHSA team championship
21 since its 1988 volleyball team; and

1 WHEREAS, The J'ettes worked hard all year long, starting
2 with Dance Camp in the summer; the team has additionally
3 hosted an annual Kiddie Camp, held fundraising events, and led
4 Radio Day; in the fall, the team participated in several
5 parades, pep rallies, football games, and a fall dance clinic;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, This season, the J'ettes successfully competed in
8 three different organizations, IHSA, the Illinois Drill Team
9 Association (IDTA), and the Universal Dance Association (UDA);
10 and

11 WHEREAS, At the 2023 IDTA State Finals, the J'ettes were
12 named champions in the AA Lyrical/Contemporary category and
13 placed 2nd in the AA Open Pom and 3rd in the AA Grand
14 Champions; and

15 WHEREAS, At the 2023 UDA National Dance Team Nationals in
16 Orlando, Florida, the J'ettes ranked 12th in both the Large
17 Varsity - Jazz and Large Varsity - Pom categories; and

18 WHEREAS, The J'ettes' spectacular showcase at the IHSA
19 Class 1A Competitive Dance Finals made its hometown of
20 Jacksonville extremely proud, and its dancers' hard work and
21 determination to win will never be forgotten; and

1 WHEREAS, The J'ettes are led by Coaches Tiffany Hickox and
2 Allyson Maul and Manager Marley VanAken; and

3 WHEREAS, The J'ettes team consists of 19 dancers,
4 including six seniors, Co-captains Leah Hoffman and Ella
5 Stremming and Squad Leaders Meredith Gallo, Anna Muller, Gwen
6 Poole, and Issy Woods; five juniors, Squad Leaders Kate
7 Alexander and Lindsey Hautala and members Lily Rohlk, Jacey
8 Evans, and Kimmy Davis; six sophomores, Squad Leaders
9 Elizabeth Stremming and Emma Wolters and members Kylie
10 Chumley, Samantha Lawson, Hailey Weeks, and Gianna Williams;
11 and two freshmen, Greta Bryson-Adams and Lily Hickox;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the Jacksonville High School dance team, the
16 J'ettes, on winning the 2023 Illinois High School Association
17 Class 1A Competitive Dance Championship; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we wish the J'ettes future success and many
19 more triumphant seasons to come; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the J'ettes' coaches and team members as a symbol

1 of our esteem and respect.