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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Mater Dei High School
4 girls basketball team, the Lady Knights, on winning the 2023
5 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A Girls
6 Basketball Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights defeated the Byron Tigers at
8 Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University on
9 March 4, 2023, with a final score of 62-46; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights' win over Byron earned the team
11 its first state basketball championship in Mater Dei history;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights finished the season with a 27-7
14 record, placing them at 26th all-time in IHSA history with 830
15 program wins; and

16 WHEREAS, Lady Knights sophomore Alyssa Koerkenmeier
17 achieved one of two triple-doubles in state tournament history
18 and finished with 23 points, 14 rebounds, and 10 blocks, with
19 her 10 blocks setting a state tournament single-game record;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights' ethos of sportsmanship was on
2 display during the championship game when senior forward
3 Madison Eversgerd offered words of encouragement and a
4 friendly hug to a discouraged competitor; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights recovered from a 17-7 season
6 start, including losses in four of five games in late January
7 and early February, to win every game thereafter, leading to a
8 state championship and a 27-win season; and

9 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights basketball team is led by Head
10 Coach Craig Zurliene and Assistant Coaches Terri Souder and
11 Bridget Winter; and

12 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights basketball team includes
13 seniors, Madison Eversgerd, Alexis Kampwerth, Julia Korte,
14 Carissa Litteken, and Cora Meyer; juniors, Ryann Becker, Emma
15 Eversgerd, Sam Muscarello, Avery Trame, and Madison Winkeler;
16 sophomores, Alyssa Koerkenmeier and Maris Zurliene; and
17 freshmen, Amelia Beer, Lily Butler, and Addison Ringwald;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate the Mater Dei High School girls basketball
22 team, the Lady Knights, on winning the 2023 Illinois High

1 School Association (IHSA) Class 2A Girls Basketball
2 Championship, commend the players on their grit and
3 sportsmanship, and wish the team continued success; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Head Coach Craig Zurliene as an expression of our
7 respect and esteem.