

HR0627

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wishes to 3 congratulate the Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 4 on winning the 2023 NJCAA Region XXIV championship and 5 establishing a new school record of 49-18; and

6 WHEREAS, The Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 7 began the season with a slow start and a 0-4 record, but they 8 were able to turn it around throughout the season, becoming 9 the Region 24 Champions for the first time, becoming the 10 Central District Champions for the first time, becoming an 11 NJCAA World Series Qualifier for the first time, and being 12 ranked seventh in the nation out of 221 D-1 schools; and

13 WHEREAS, The Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 14 ranked in the top 20 nationally in ten different TEAM statistical categories, including Games Played with 67, 15 ranking second in the nation, At Bats with 1,805, ranking 16 second in the nation, Hits with 716, ranking second in the 17 Innings Pitched, ranking second in the nation, 18 nation, 19 Pitching Strike Outs with 432, ranking second in the nation, 20 Batting Average of .397, ranking sixth in the nation, Stolen Bases with 156, ranking 13th in the nation, Pitching Strike 21 22 Outs per seven innings with 7.7, ranking 17th in the nation, Runs Batted In with 446, ranking 17th in the nation, and On 23

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2 WHEREAS, The Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 3 athletes have performed just as well in the classroom as they 4 have on the field with a collective GPA of 3.64, qualifying for 5 NJCAA Division 1 Academic American Team recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, The Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 7 includes players Maddie Bailey, Megan Bailey, Ashlyn Colvis, 8 Sydnee Garrett, Josie Grunloh, Mikayla Healy, Macy Jett, Macey 9 Lentz, Haley Major, Karlie McKenzie, Kadee Milligan, Amber 10 Russell, Aspen Schmidt, Rancey Skaggs, and Ivy Smart; and

11 WHEREAS, The Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball Team 12 coaches include Head Coach John Barnes, Assistant Coach Shawn 13 Garrett, Assistant Coach Joe Healy, and Assistant Coach 14 Franceska Windler; and

15 WHEREAS, Head Coach John Barnes was awarded the coach of 16 the year for the NJCAA D-I Region 24 and the NJCAA D-I Central 17 District; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 20 we congratulate the Kaskaskia College Blue Angels Softball 21 Team on winning the 2023 NJCAA Region XXIV championship and HR0627 -3- LRB103 39731 ECR 70190 r for a successful season and commend them for all their hard work on and off the field; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be 4 presented to the each member of the Kaskaskia College softball 5 team and each coach as a symbol of our esteem and respect.