

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Mark Gervais, head
4 wrestling coach at Marist High School in Chicago, on earning
5 his 400th career win; and

6 WHEREAS, On December 21, 2002, Marist High School beat
7 Mt. Carmel in a varsity wrestling meet with a score of 38 to
8 23, marking the 400th win under Coach Gervais; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Gervais began teaching at Marist High
10 School in 1982; he was the assistant wrestling coach for the
11 1982-83 season and became head coach in 1983; he currently
12 serves as the physical education department chairperson; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, Coach Gervais has enjoyed
14 getting to know the families who have gone through the
15 wrestling program and contributed to his 400 wins; he remains
16 in contact today with many of his players from 20 years ago;
17 in his own words, "...the Marist philosophy of education (is)
18 for time and eternity. We continue learning and growing
19 together."; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2002-2003 Marist High School Wrestling Team
21 had set a team goal to achieve the eight wins that Coach
22 Gervais needed in order to have 400 wins; his record now
23 stands at 405-57-2 and his teams have earned numerous State
24 and national titles and have won 23 consecutive conference
25 titles; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Coach Mark Gervais on achieving his 400th win
29 as a wrestling coach for Marist High School and we commend
30 him for his dedication to his students, the school, and
31 wrestling; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Coach Mark Gervais as a token of our respect and
3 esteem.