

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the
4 accomplishments of citizens of the State; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Bowers of Bloomington has been selected for
6 induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers is a graduate of Illinois State
8 University; he taught at Bloomington High School from 1955
9 until 1984; in 29 years as a wrestling coach, he compiled a
10 dual meet record of 303-157-7; he earned 14 district titles,
11 10 conference championships, four sectional championships,
12 and led his 1972 team to a fifth place State finish; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers was named the Illinois Wrestling
14 Coaches and Officials Association's Coach of the Year in 1972
15 and was inducted into that organization's Hall of Fame in
16 1985; he is a member of the Halls of Fame for Illinois State
17 Athletics and the Bloomington-Normal Officials Association;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his tenure as a wrestling coach
20 in which he guided 42 State qualifiers and 12 wrestlers who
21 placed in State, Mr. Bowers headed the Purple Raiders
22 football team for 18 years and won back-to-back golf State
23 titles in 1964 and 1965; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we congratulate Jim Bowers on being inducted into the
27 National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Jim Bowers as a token of our respect and esteem.