



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Valerie Ross of  
3 Champaign, daughter of Brian Ross and Cheri Sullivan, has been  
4 named a member of the Chicago Tribune Illinois High School  
5 All-State Academic Team; and

6 WHEREAS, Miss Ross is a 16-year-old senior of the  
7 University of Illinois Laboratory High School in Urbana and  
8 plans to attend Stanford University in the fall of 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Miss Ross has written two plays "Don't Come Home  
10 Early" and "It's News to Me", both of which were performed at  
11 the University of Illinois Laboratory High School; and

12 WHEREAS, Miss Ross has earned straight A grades all through  
13 high school; she scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT college  
14 entrance exam; she has taken four years of the Japanese  
15 language and has won speech contests sponsored by the Japanese  
16 Consulate in Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, The Chicago Tribune Illinois High School  
18 All-State Academic Team is a prestigious award; Miss Ross  
19 scored in tenth place out of the 272 students that entered the  
20 competition; the decision was made by a panel of Illinois  
21 educators, parents, and college admissions officers; and the  
22 top ten winners each received a \$2,000 scholarship; and

23 WHEREAS, Valerie Ross is a deserving recipient of this  
24 honor; her dedication to academic work, her motivation for  
25 cultural advancement, and her contributions to art and  
26 entertainment at such a young age are inspirational and  
27 motivating; Miss Ross is a role model to both young and old who  
28 seek to expand their knowledge through education; therefore be  
29 it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate Valerie Ross on being named a member of the  
4           Chicago Tribune Illinois High School All-State Academic Team  
5           and on all of her accomplishments both academically and  
6           culturally; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Valerie Ross as a token of our respect and esteem  
9           and with our best wishes to her as she continues to build on  
10          what has already been an inspiring life.