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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Lou Henson retired as a Division I Head Basketball Coach on Saturday, January 22, 2005; he retired with 779 career Division I wins, the sixth most wins registered for a Division I head coach; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Henson won 423 games as the Head Coach of the University of Illinois Men's Basketball Team from 1976 until 1996; he led the Fighting Illini to 12 NCAA tournaments in 21 seasons, including a Final Four appearance in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Henson was named the ESPN National Head Coach of the Year in 1984 and the Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, He retired from the University of Illinois in 1996, but then returned to college basketball the next year to lead his alma mater, New Mexico State University, as their Head Coach; he was a defensive specialist, starting guard for the Aggies, and graduated from NMSU in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education; he earned his master's degree in educational administration from NMSU in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Lou Henson has earned the respect and esteem of his colleagues, his players, the fans, and the members of this Body; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Coach Lou Henson on the occasion of his retirement, and we honor him for his great contributions to college basketball, especially in the State of Illinois; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Coach Lou Henson as an expression of our deepest
2 respect and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing
3 retirement.