



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In an exciting double overtime finish, the  
3 Lincoln-Way East Griffins defeated the Maine South High School  
4 Hawks by a score of 30 to 24 to win the IHSA Class 8A State  
5 Championship football game on Saturday, November 26, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, This is the first Class 8A championship game to be  
7 played in overtime; and

8 WHEREAS, To reach the championship game, the Griffins  
9 defeated Thornton, Lincoln-Way Central, Brother Rice, and  
10 Wheaton Warrenville South in the IHSA playoffs; the team  
11 finished the season with a record of 14 wins and no losses; and

12 WHEREAS, The Lincoln-Way East Griffins are the first  
13 football program in Illinois history to win a State  
14 championship within five years of playing their first game; and

15 WHEREAS, Lincoln-Way East is the first high school football  
16 team to have played in the State playoffs in each of its five  
17 seasons; and

18 WHEREAS, The head coach of the Griffins is Rob Zvonar; his  
19 assistant coaches are Joel Pallissard, Jack Eddy, Mike Franta,  
20 Ron Tomczak, Steve Tomczak, Ryan Gabey, Dave Woodburn, Lance  
21 Lokanc, Brian Newcomb, Dave Murray, Josh Kreske, Eric  
22 Doornkaat, Louis Lee, Mitch Nowicki, Jeff Maurer, Scott Reid,  
23 John Piazza, Steve Bauer, Kyle Jakubek, and Jeff Winefka;  
24 student coaches are Ben VanPelt and Mike Czarnowski; Philip  
25 Duckworth is the team's ballboy; and

26 WHEREAS, The trainers for the Griffins are Cody Cowman,  
27 Matt Zalewski, Dr. Aaron Wolfe, Dr. Mike Corcoran, and Dr. Brad  
28 Katzman; and

1           WHEREAS, The members of the Griffins are Marvin Cosby, Pat  
2           Geary (captain), Anthony Kropp (captain), Andy Gerritsen,  
3           Austin Zenere, Paul Bria, Andrew Ramus, Mike Charles, Blake  
4           Hammond, Matt Walenga, Kyle Geary, Dan Cebula, Dan Fiorenza,  
5           Kyle Grossheider, Marty Pokorney, Gersi Hoxha, John Griffin, Al  
6           Mau (captain), Gian Angelo, Brendan Mulheran, Ben Petrassi,  
7           Andy Mau, Cory Swaim, Matt Paez, Noel Borg, Kyle Oskielunas,  
8           Isioma Ebiringah, Gus Olofsson, Tom Lilja, Michael Boettcher,  
9           Jeff Grunwald, Sean Lynch, Chris Lozynski, Kyle Bewley, Ryan  
10          Weber, Jon Olofsson, Max Moore, Kevin Wittl, Landon Wallace,  
11          Tom Lynch, Joe Turek, Dan Pirkle, Steve Elkow, Steve Nwokocha,  
12          Dan Pammer, Ryan Ruiz, John Koszulinski, Shaun Grady, Jake  
13          Popovich, Nick Slager, Sean Smith, Josh Reid, Josh Soliday,  
14          Steve Sims, Kyle Harke, Nick Tadros, Phil Wing, Will  
15          Villasenor, Andrew Tagli, Wade Novak, Kyle Liston, Blake Lucas,  
16          Dave Denardo, Kyle Houlahan, Tom Raines, Keenan Clifford  
17          (captain), Dan Giordano, Jerry McInerney, Adam Gettis, Sam  
18          Pranckus, Joe Mau, Hank Johnston (captain), Erick Starke, Steve  
19          Tepper, Phil Dixon, Tim Brooks, Cory Dybas, Corey Smith, Dave  
20          Liston, Jake Bewley, Terry Kuzel, Casey Luther, Colin Luczynski  
21          (captain), D.J. Pirkle, Alex White, Mike Wheatley, and Bill  
22          Clemens; therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25           we congratulate the Lincoln-Way East Griffins football team on  
26           winning the Class 8A IHSA State Championship; and be it further

27           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
28           each of the members of the 2005 Lincoln-Way East Griffins  
29           football organization as an expression of our esteem.