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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Central College women's basketball team won the Championship Title of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, on March 18, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, This national championship marks the sixth such title in the history of women's basketball at Illinois Central College (ICC); and

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WHEREAS, This team of student athletes displayed excellence throughout their season by accumulating a record of 30-5; and

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WHEREAS, ICC's Rachel Merriman and Suzanne Bofia were named to the national All-Tournament Team with Rachel Merriman setting assist records for most in a tournament game with 15 and most in the tournament with 32 and has set a new record for career assists at ICC with 523, and Suzanne Bofia set a new ICC record for most rebounds in a season at 328 and highest season rebound average at 9.65; and

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WHEREAS, ICC's head coach Steve Garber received the Lorene Ramsey National Tournament Coach of the Year award; and

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WHEREAS, The team is led by Steve Garber, head coach; Greg Martin, associate coach; Laura Criswell and Riley Gardner, assistant coaches; and Carrie Redman, volunteer assistant coach; they were assisted by statisticians Donna Thomas and Margaret Kizer and supported by college president Dr. John Erwin, college dean Dr. Arthur Rich, and college athletic director Sue Sinclair; and

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WHEREAS, The team members are Stephanie Neely, Rachel Merriman, Whitney Meyer, Christine Rantisi, Jessica Maxwell,

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1 Tara Toepke, Lindsey Crum, Keshia Kennedy, Jodi Zimmerman,
2 Tierney Burdett, Jessica Stapleton, Amy Snyder, Megan McGann,
3 Calie Sobaski, Beatrice Bofia, Suzanne Bofia, and Marie Moser;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate the Illinois Central College women's
8 basketball team on winning the Championship Title of the
9 National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II
10 Tournament; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to each of the members, coaches, and support persons
13 of the ICC women's basketball team as an expression of our
14 esteem.