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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commemorate the accomplishments of  
4 local athletes, who bring together fans and residents from  
5 their communities; and

6           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Special Olympics were held June  
7 15 to 17, 2007, at Illinois State University's Hancock Stadium;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, For the first time, all 20 members of the Canton  
10 Special Olympics Team participated in the Illinois State  
11 Special Olympics, where the team received 15 medals including  
12 nine gold, five silver, and one bronze, signifying their  
13 achievements; and

14           WHEREAS, Athletes must place first or second in local or  
15 regional competitions in order to compete at the State games;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Following the Special Olympics, the team was  
18 welcomed back to Canton with an escort to Lincoln School from  
19 the Canton Fire Department; and

20           WHEREAS, Canton team members participating in this year's

1 Illinois State Special Olympics opening ceremonies were banner  
2 carriers Joseph Davison, Brad Bitner, Zach Taylor, and Nicholas  
3 Denning, and torch runner Brittany Hart; and

4 WHEREAS, Members of the Canton Special Olympics Team  
5 received individual honors, including Gold Medal winners  
6 Jordan Beard, Brad Bitner, and Nicole Hickman in the running  
7 long jump; Chris Clouse in the shot put; Montana Davis in the  
8 50 meter; Parker Roos in the tennis ball throw; Felisha Swank  
9 in the softball throw and 100 meter; and the relay team of  
10 Felisha Swank, Nicole Hickman, Zach Taylor, and Kyle Wilson;  
11 Silver Medal winners Montana Davis in the softball throw;  
12 Joseph Davison in the running long jump; Elizabeth Griffith in  
13 the tennis ball throw; Shane Wilcox in the shot put; and the  
14 relay team of Montana Davis, LeeRoy Davis, Jordan Beard, and  
15 Colton Cheers; and Bronze Medal winner Mairy Deatherage in the  
16 softball throw; fourth place winners Nick Denning and Kyle  
17 Wilson in the running long jump; and Jordan Beard and Parker  
18 Roos in the 50 meter; fifth place winners Fabian Lindsey in the  
19 tennis ball throw and 50 meter; LeeRoy Davis in the softball  
20 throw; Brittany Hart in the 100 meter; and Joseph Davison in  
21 the 200 meter; sixth place winners Colton Cheers and Brittany  
22 Hart in the running long jump; and Brad Bitner and LeeRoy Davis  
23 in the 50 meter; and

24 WHEREAS, Members of the Canton Special Olympics Team are

1 Anthony Lambert, Richie Pierce, Jordan Beard, Brad Bitner,  
2 Colton Cheers, Chris Clouse, Montana Davis, LeeRoy Davis,  
3 Joseph Davison, Mairy Deatherage, Nicholas Denning, Elizabeth  
4 Griffith, Brittany Hart, Nicole Hickman, Fabian Lindsey,  
5 Parker Roos, Felisha Swank, Zach Taylor, Shane Wilcox, and Kyle  
6 Wilson; and

7 WHEREAS, The Head Coach of the Canton Special Olympics Team  
8 is Greg Stephenson; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate the Canton Special Olympics Team on their  
12 achievements at the 2007 Illinois State Special Olympics; and  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the Canton Special Olympics Team as a symbol of  
16 our appreciation for their hard work and dedication.