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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the coaches and 4 players of the Richards High School Boys Basketball team in Oak 5 Lawn on the occasion of winning the 4A State Championship 6 Title; and

WHEREAS, The Richards High School Boys Basketball team beat
Zion-Benton 67-63 to win the 4A State Championship Title on
March 15, 2008; the team finished the season with an impressive
28-4 record; and

WHEREAS, The Richards High School Boys Basketball team was led by forward Carl Richard, who played the entire 32 minutes of the championship game and scored 19 points and 8 rebounds; he was accompanied by Tommie Thomas, who posted 15 points and 7 rebounds, Shaun Pratl, who posted 16 points and 8 rebounds, and Eliud Gonzalez, who also played the entire game, finishing with 9 points and 5 rebounds; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Richards High School Boys Basketball team are Mike Denson, Tyrone Roper, Eliud Gonzalez, Randall Rushing, Lamar Harvey, Corey Wolf, Shaun Pratl, Tommie Thomas, Sammy Olayan, Keith Sconiers, Carl Richard, Jeff Harris, Dwayne McGhee, Peter Danos, and Kyle Renken; the team's

- 1 head coach is John Chappetto and the assistant coaches are
- 2 Demetris McDaniel, Tim Baker, Derek Johnson, and Bill Judge;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Richards High School Boys Basketball team
- 5 serves as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for
- 6 the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 8 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 9 congratulate the coaches and players of the Richards High
- 10 School Boys Basketball team in Oak Lawn on the occasion of
- winning the 4A State Championship Title and wish them continued
- success and happiness in the future; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to Richards High School Boys Basketball Head Coach
- John Chappetto as a symbol of our esteem and respect.