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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The 2007-2008 South Suburban College Bulldogs
3 Basketball Team is ranked 5th in the National Junior College
4 Athletic Association Division II after winning two of three
5 games at the National Tournament in Danville; and

6 WHEREAS, The Bulldogs finished the 2007-2008 season with a
7 record of 31-5 and became the first men's basketball team in
8 SSC history to go undefeated at home with a 14-0 record in
9 South Holland; and

10 WHEREAS, The Bulldogs won the Region IV Championship for
11 the second consecutive year; the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 teams
12 set a two-year school record for wins with 57 victories under
13 Head Coach John Pigatti, earning their first national
14 tournament berths since 1987; and

15 WHEREAS, Larry Swann and Billy Rush were selected for the
16 All-Region First Team for District A; Elijah Muhammad
17 Cunningham was named to the National All-Tournament Team; A.J.
18 Mandani made the Regional All-Tournament Team; Larry Swann was
19 also named Regional Tournament MVP; and Head Coach John Pigatti
20 was selected as the Region IV Coach of the Year for the second
21 consecutive season; and

1 WHEREAS, The players of the South Suburban College Bulldogs
2 Basketball Team are Elijah Muhammad Cunningham, Tremell Adams,
3 Larry Swann, A.J. Mandani, Josh White, Shannon Williams, Billy
4 Rush, Devin L. Scott, Jr., Bradley Birton, Rickey Clayborn, and
5 Adam Tolo; the team's assistant coaches are John McIntyre, Mark
6 Carpenter, and Karvell Bailey and the team's head coach is John
7 Pigatti; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2007-2008 South Suburban College Bulldogs
9 Basketball Team serves as a model of hard work, sportsmanship,
10 and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the coaches and players of the 2007-2008 South
15 Suburban College Bulldogs Basketball Team for being the 5th
16 ranked NJCAA Division II basketball team in the nation and wish
17 them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to South Suburban College Bulldogs coach John Pigatti
21 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.