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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Hinckley-Big  
4 Rock girl's basketball team, the Lady Royals, on the occasion  
5 of winning the Class 1A State championship on February 28th,  
6 2009 at Illinois State's Redbird Arena; and

7           WHEREAS, The 2009 Lady Royals are the first Hinckley-Big  
8 Rock girls team and just the second Hinckley-Big Rock team to  
9 ever make it to the State finals in basketball; and

10           WHEREAS, The members of the Lady Royals are freshmen Katie  
11 Hollis and Kaitlin Philips, sophomores Alyssa Baunach and Tess  
12 Godhardt, juniors Jes Meyer, Jenna Thorp, Maxzine Rossler, and  
13 Jessica Leifheit, and seniors Bianca Edmeier and Melissa  
14 Herrmann; the team's head coach is Greg Burks and the assistant  
15 coaches are Dan Rasich and Jerry Tokars; the team manager is  
16 Chris Stola, the athletic director is Bill Sambrooks, the  
17 principal is Bob Atherton, and the Superintendent is Dr. Jim  
18 Hammack; and

19           WHEREAS, The towns of Hinckley and Big Rock have a history  
20 of soccer even though Hinckley was the site of the first Harlem  
21 Globetrotters game in 1927, in which the Hinckley Merchants  
22 team beat the Globetrotters; the towns of Hinckley and Big Rock

1 have a combined population of 2,300; and the Hinckley-Big Rock  
2 High School educates 272 students; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Greg Burks graduated from Hinckley-Big Rock  
4 in 1996 and after college coached the Hinckley-Big Rock track  
5 program in 2002, then the middle school soccer team, and in  
6 2008 took over as coach of the Lady Royals; and

7 WHEREAS, Every member of the team played and contributed to  
8 the overall success of the Lady Royals; the team won their  
9 first State championship with a 42-30 victory; and finished the  
10 season with a record of 31-3; and

11 WHEREAS, The team demonstrated exemplary teamwork,  
12 sportsmanship, and athletic excellence, and will serve as  
13 cherished role models for years to come, and all but two  
14 members of the team will return next year; returning players  
15 include Illinois Basketball Coaches Association First Team  
16 All-State Jenna Thorp and standouts Tess Godhardt, Maxine  
17 Rossler, Jes Meyer, and Kaitlin Philips; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate the Hinckley-Big Rock girl's basketball team, the  
21 Lady Royals, and give our best wishes to the team members in  
22 their future pursuits and wish them success for the next

1 season; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the Lady Royals as a symbol of our esteem and  
4 respect.