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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Oswego High School Panthers boys varsity  
3 basketball team finished second in the 2008-2009 Illinois High  
4 School Association 3A State Basketball Tournament and claimed  
5 the school's first State trophy in basketball; and

6           WHEREAS, The Oswego High School basketball team attained a  
7 11-3 record in the Southwest Prairie Conference; the team ended  
8 the 2008-2009 season with a 26-7 record; and

9           WHEREAS, Kevin Schnable coached the Oswego High School  
10 basketball team to the State championship game, where they lost  
11 61-59 to Centennial (Champaign) High School; the team went 6-1  
12 in the tournament playoffs; and

13           WHEREAS, Oswego reached the championship game after Oswego  
14 senior guard Jordan Mitchell's clutch 3-pointer at the buzzer  
15 led his team to a 56-55 win over Leo (Chicago, Illinois) in the  
16 State Tournament's semi-final game; and

17           WHEREAS, During the final game of the State championship,  
18 team members Mitchell and Ziemnik made many 3-pointers; team  
19 member Galow made many assists; Kwiatkowski secured clutch  
20 rebounds in an epic game between Oswego and Champaign  
21 Centennial; and

1           WHEREAS, The Panthers' season ended with a 26-7 record and  
2 the best finish in Oswego High School's basketball history; and

3           WHEREAS, Oswego High School led the Southwest Prairie  
4 Conference with 2,097 points during the 2008-2009 season and  
5 established itself as a powerhouse in the conference; and

6           WHEREAS, The student-athletes who led the Panthers to their  
7 second place finish in the IHSA Class 3A Boys State Basketball  
8 Tournament are Ryan West, Danny Bruzdzinski, Brett  
9 Baumgartner, Bukky Adeofe, Andrew Galow, James Taylor, Tyler  
10 Pence, Jordan Mitchell, Chris Bagley, Parker Meek, Joe  
11 Kwiatkowski, Andrew Ziemnik, Collin Seibert, Paul Cahill,  
12 DeAndre Mitchell, and Team Manager Alex "Gator" Gates; and

13           WHEREAS, The IHSA Class 3A Boys Basketball State Runners-up  
14 were led by Head Coach Kevin Schnable and Assistant Coaches  
15 Matt Borrowman, Jim Bagley, Mike Hettinger, Mike Schnable, Tim  
16 Taviani, Jeff Henrikson, Mike Anderson, and Joe Sweeney; the  
17 team was additionally assisted by videographer George Bailey,  
18 bus driver Dave Sutcliff, and athletic trainers Brian Cronin  
19 and Michelle Knizner; and

20           WHEREAS, Superintendent Dr. David Behlow, Principal Mike  
21 Wayne, Assistant Principals Dr. Nancy Chibe and Craig Watson,

1 Athletic Director Steve McInerney, Assistant Athletic Director  
2 Greg Scott, Mark Johnson, and Athletic Administrative  
3 Assistant Sarah Miller made the 2008-2009 season for the  
4 Panthers possible; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate and applaud the 2008-2009 Oswego High School  
8 Panthers boys basketball team for their accomplishments during  
9 the 2008-2009 season, for their talent and teamwork displayed  
10 on the court, and for the outstanding coaching staff that led  
11 the team to the State Championship game and brought the team to  
12 a fantastic conclusion as the State runner-up in the boys Class  
13 3A tournament; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 presented to Oswego High School Athletic Director Steve  
16 McInerney, Head Coach Kevin Schnable, Oswego Principal Mike  
17 Wayne, and the entire Oswego High School boys basketball team  
18 and coaching staff.