1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3   Representatives are pleased to congratulate Renny Garshelis,
4   former wrestling official from Charleston, on being selected to
5   the Illinois Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame;
6   and

7   WHEREAS, The longtime official from Charleston has
8   previously been named to Halls of Fame for the Illinois
9   Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association, Eastern Illinois
10   University athletics, and Charleston High School wrestling;
11   and

12   WHEREAS, He began officiating locally, eventually working
13   39 championships, including national college meets and State
14   high school events; he is the only official to have worked NCAA
15   Division I individual and team championships and IHSA
16   individual and team championships; and

17   WHEREAS, He began his career as the first wrestling coach
18   at Charleston High School; after the school dropped wrestling,
19   he began officiating high school meets in 1973 and then Eastern
20   Illinois University meets; and

21   WHEREAS, Mr. Garshelis' officiating career evolved into

1   working the Southern Open, the St. Louis Open, and Caesar's

2   Palace tournaments for 20 years each, the Organ Bowl for 15

3   years, the Oklahoma Open and the Iowa Open for five years, and

4   the NCAA West Regionals for 20 years; he officiated two NAIA

5   nationals and in 1979 worked all three NCAA levels of

6   Nationals, Divisions I, II, and III; and

7   WHEREAS, He officially retired in 2003, and spent a season

8   coaching Charleston High School; since that time he has helped

9   by observing high school officials and providing advice;

10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

13 congratulate Renny Garshelis on this honor and wish him the

14 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

16 presented to Renny Garshelis as a symbol of our respect.