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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joseph Berenyi for his
4 2012 Paralympic success in London, England, and his many
5 accomplishments; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi was born on December 11, 1968, in
7 Aurora to Joe and Dolores Berenyi; he attended Waubonsee
8 Community College in Aurora; he currently resides in Oswego
9 with his wife, Jill and their three daughters, Syd, Gwen, and
10 Tatum; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi lost his right arm and left kneecap
12 in a construction accident that occurred 18 years ago, after
13 which he underwent several surgeries and was told he would have
14 trouble walking again; and

15 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi has demonstrated hard work and
16 dedication as he started cycling and becoming stronger, which
17 sparked his love of speed and need for competition; and

18 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi became a member of the United
19 States Paralympic Team this summer after qualifying at the U.S.
20 Paralympic Road Cycling National Championships in Augusta,
21 Georgia and is a member of the Athletes By Design Cycling Team;

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2 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi earned a gold medal in the
3 3-kilometer individual pursuit cycling race with a time of
4 3:37.912 and set a world record in the qualifying round with a
5 time of 3:36.148; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Berenyi also earned a silver medal in the
7 Men's Individual C 3 Time Trial Finals with a time of 23:31.73
8 and a bronze medal in the Mixed C1 to 5 Team Sprint Finals with
9 a time of 52.749, as well as placing 6th in the Men's
10 Individual C-1-3 Road Race Finals with a time of 1:42.51 and
11 10th in the Men's 1-Kilometer time trial with a time of
12 1:11.649; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Joseph Berenyi on his many accomplishments and
16 medals during the 2012 Paralympics, and wish him continued
17 success in his career; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Joseph Berenyi as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.