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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Ryan Pearce for his many accomplishments in sports; and

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WHEREAS, In 2008, while Ryan Pearce was in the 7th grade, he won the 200-meter dash, shot put, and discus events at the IESA 7A State Track Meet in Peoria in May of 2008; in July of 2008, while competing at the USATF National Junior Olympics in Omaha, Nebraska, he placed 2nd in the discus event and placed 10th in the shot put event; in January of 2009, Ryan Pearce competed with the Youth All American Football Bowl on the East Team in San Antonio, Texas; in May of 2009, he competed in the IESA 8A State Track Meet in Peoria, where he once again won the 200-meter dash, shot put, and discus events; during this competition, he broke the State 8A shot put records with throws of (55'9.5" - shot put), and (175'2" - discus); and

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WHEREAS, During his freshman year of high school, Ryan Pearce achieved a 1st place victory in the discus event at the 2010 Area Best Track Meet in Decatur; that same year, he competed in the IHSA 1A State Track Meet in Charleston, where he competed in both the shot put and discus events and finished 10th overall in shot; he was also the Track MVP at Villa Grove High School; and

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1 WHEREAS, During his sophomore year of high school, Ryan
2 Pearce placed 4th in shot put and 6th in discus at the IHSA 1A
3 State Track Meet in Charleston; he once again was named Track
4 MVP at Villa Grove High School; and

5 WHEREAS, During his junior year of high school, Ryan Pearce
6 was a Class 1A 2011 All State Honorable Mention, a 1st Team
7 All-Conference Running Back, and a 1st Team All-Conference
8 Defensive Linebacker; he received the Villa Grove High School
9 Tackle and MVP awards in football; he played on the 2011
10 Hayden's Classic All-Tournament Basketball Team and was
11 All-Conference in basketball, receiving the Greger Award, and
12 in track that same year; he placed first in the 4x100, 4x200,
13 shot put, and discus events at the Little Okaw Valley All
14 Conference Meet; he placed 1st in shot put event at the
15 Illinois Prep Top Times Indoor State Meet in Bloomington; at
16 the News-Gazette All Area Meet in Champaign, he placed 1st in
17 the shot put event and 2nd in the discus event; after an
18 impressive showing at the track sectionals, he competed in the
19 IHSA 1A State Track Meet in Charleston, where he placed 2nd in
20 the shot put event and became the State Champion in the discus
21 event; and

22 WHEREAS, During his senior year, Ryan Pearce culminated in
23 his appearance at the 2012 USATF National Junior Olympics in

1 Baltimore, Maryland, where he placed 18th overall in the shot
2 put event and 11th overall in the discus event; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2012, Ryan Pearce broke the Villa Grove High
4 School record of most points scored in one football game with
5 48, beating the former record of 42 points from 1955; and

6 WHEREAS, Ryan Pearce has been the recipient of numerous
7 awards for his sports achievements, including the WIXY Athlete
8 of the Week award in 2011 and 2012, the VGHS Tackle Award, the
9 VGHS MVP Award, the VGHS Spirit Award, and the Greger Award;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ryan Pearce serves as a model of hard work,
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we honor Ryan Pearce for his many accomplishments and wish him
17 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 Ryan Pearce as a symbol of our esteem and respect.