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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On December 1, 2012, the Northern Illinois  
3 University Huskies football team won the Mid-American  
4 Conference championship in a tense 44-37 double-overtime  
5 victory over Kent State; and

6           WHEREAS, With an undefeated conference record of 8-0, the  
7 Huskies went on to finish their season with a dominant overall  
8 record of 12-1; and

9           WHEREAS, On December 2, 2012, the Huskies learned that the  
10 team will face the Florida State Seminoles on New Year's Day in  
11 the 2013 Orange Bowl, becoming the first team from the  
12 Mid-American Conference to earn a berth in a BCS bowl game; and

13           WHEREAS, After not winning the Mid-America Conference  
14 championship since 1983, the Huskies have now won back-to-back  
15 Mid-America Conference championships after their victory  
16 against Kent State and their 2011 championship victory against  
17 Ohio; and

18           WHEREAS, The team was led by junior quarterback Jordan  
19 Lynch, who, with legitimate Heisman Trophy credentials passed  
20 for 2,962 yards and 24 touchdowns, led the NCAA in rushing  
21 yards and set the NCAA rushing record for quarterbacks with

1 1,771 yards, in addition to 19 touchdowns; and

2 WHEREAS, Northern Illinois University is nationally  
3 recognized for the success of its student athletes on the field  
4 and in the classroom; and

5 WHEREAS, A conference championship takes dedication from  
6 all members and coaches on the roster, as well as all the  
7 devoted Northern Illinois University students and Huskies  
8 fans; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we commend and applaud the 2012 Northern Illinois University  
12 Huskies for their accomplishments during the 2012 season, for  
13 the talent and teamwork displayed on the field, for their  
14 excellence and humility off the field, for the outstanding  
15 coaching staff leading team, and for becoming the first  
16 Mid-America Conference team to earn a berth in a BCS bowl game  
17 when the team plays the Florida State Seminoles in the Orange  
18 Bowl on New Year's Day; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to each member of the Northern Illinois University  
21 Board of Trustees, the President and Athletic Director of  
22 Northern Illinois University, each member of the coaching staff

1 and football program of the 2012 team, and each player on the  
2 2012 roster of the Northern Illinois University Huskies  
3 football team.