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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor and congratulate Ryan
4 Boatright on his athletic accomplishments while enrolled at
5 East Aurora High School and the University of Connecticut; and

6 WHEREAS, On December 27, 1992, Mike McAllister and Tanesha
7 Boatright gave birth to Ryan Jamar Boatright; he has 3
8 siblings; Michael, Dasia, and Deahjay; and

9 WHEREAS, Ryan Boatright grew up in the Chicago suburb of
10 Aurora, where he developed an early passion for the game of
11 basketball and he quickly began to make a name for himself in
12 the sport; and

13 WHEREAS, While in the 8th Grade, at the age of 13, Ryan
14 Boatright made news by verbally committing early to play
15 college basketball; just a few days later, he committed to
16 continue to his basketball playing at East Aurora High School;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, At East Aurora High School, Ryan Boatright
19 continued to improve his game and prove to all the recruiters
20 and critics that he truly was a rising star in the game of
21 basketball; and

1 WHEREAS, During his years at East Aurora High School, Ryan
2 Boatright received numerous accolades including Max Preps
3 All-American, First-Team All-State selection as a senior,
4 ESPNChicago.com Player of the Year, and the highly coveted
5 honor of being named Illinois Co-Mr. Basketball in 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout Ryan Boatright's senior season at East
7 Aurora High School, he averaged 31.2 points per game and
8 recorded more than 40 points in 7 games, including games with
9 55 points and 63 points respectively; and

10 WHEREAS, Ryan Boatright was ranked coming out of high
11 school as the 42nd best player overall in the country and the
12 9th best point guard in the class of 2011 by Rivals.com; and

13 WHEREAS, During the course of Ryan Boatright's high school
14 career, he fell in love with the University of Connecticut's
15 campus while on a recruiting trip, and officially chose the
16 school as his college choice where he would continue his
17 already impressive basketball career; and

18 WHEREAS, In Ryan Boatright's freshman season at UCONN, he
19 played in 25 games for the Huskies during the 2011-2012 season
20 and averaged 10.4 points and 4.0 assists per game; and

1 WHEREAS, During Ryan Boatright's sophomore season he began
2 to take on more of a leadership role on the team and started
3 all 30 games that he played in for the Huskies, averaging 15.4
4 points per game, which ranked 10th in the Big East Conference,
5 and averaged 4.4 assists per game, which ranked 9th in the
6 conference; and

7 WHEREAS, During the 2013-14 season, Ryan Boatright started
8 in 38 of the 40 Huskies games including all 6 of the Huskies
9 2014 Men's Tournament games, while averaging 12.1 points per
10 game and 3.4 assists per game throughout the course of the
11 season; and

12 WHEREAS, During the 2014 Men's Tournament, Ryan Boatright
13 played a vital role in the success of the Huskies' tournament
14 run accounting for 14 points in the National Championship game
15 and was a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line when the stakes
16 were the highest; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 8, 2014, Ryan Boatright and the
18 University of Connecticut Men's Basketball team defeated the
19 University of Kentucky to win the 2014 NCAA Men's Division I
20 Basketball Championship; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Ryan Boatright on his astounding
2 accomplishments in the sport of basketball while playing at
3 East Aurora High School and at the University of Connecticut;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to Ryan Boatright and East Aurora High School as a
7 symbol of our respect and esteem.