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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, NBA player Andre Tyler Iguodala of the Golden State Warriors was born on January 28, 1984 in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, While attending Lanphier High School in Springfield, where many other notable athletes have also been enrolled, Andre Iguodala succeeded both academically and athletically, winning All-Conference academic honors, National Honor Roll, and State Journal Student-Athlete of the Week many times; and

WHEREAS, During his senior year, Andre Iguodala lead the Lanphier Lions to a second place finish at the Illinois High School Association Class AA State tournament in the 2002 season; he was named Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year as well as a second team Parade All-American, Nike All-American, and a finalist for the Illinois Mr. Basketball award; and

WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala attended the University of Arizona and played for the Wildcats basketball team; within 2 years, he was drafted ninth overall by the Philadelphia 76ers, with whom he played for until the summer of 2012, when he was traded to the Denver Nuggets in a 4 team trade; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Andre Iguodala's skills were acquired by

1 the Golden State Warriors, where he has played as a small
2 forward and shooting guard; and

3 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala reached the pinnacle of his career
4 in the 2015 NBA season by capturing the NBA Finals MVP Award
5 during his return to starting lineup in Game 4 of the series;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala played an important role in the
8 Golden State Warriors' victory in the NBA Finals over the
9 Cleveland Cavaliers, averaging 16.3 points, 4 assists, and 5.8
10 rebounds; in Game 6, he scored 25 points and added 5 rebounds
11 and 5 assists; and

12 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala's proud connection to Springfield
13 and Illinois continues, as The Sporting News named him one of
14 "the good guys of 2006" for establishing the Andre Iguodala
15 Disaster Relief Fund, which raises money for tornado victims in
16 his hometown; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Andre Tyler Iguodala for winning the NBA Finals
20 MVP Award, show our great pride in our native son for his
21 growing professional accomplishments, stalwart good
22 sportsmanship, and service to others, and wish him many more

1 seasons of great basketball playing; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Andre Iguodala or a member of his immediate family
4 as a symbol of our admiration and respect.