

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the history of high school sports in the State of Illinois;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mount Carmel High School has been referred to as
7 the "Miracle of 64th Street", located on the south side of
8 Chicago at 6410 South Dante, with a history that spans 100
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, As Mount Carmel High School is celebrating its
11 centennial, 780 young men commute to school from a hundred
12 parishes in south metropolitan Chicagoland bound together by
13 a common vision and a common goal, symbolized by the Brown
14 Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel; and

15 WHEREAS, In the Mount Carmel High School tradition, a
16 student comes to Carmel as a boy and if he cares to struggle
17 and work at it, he will leave as a man; and

18 WHEREAS, In furtherance of that tradition, the Mount
19 Carmel High School Football team has been named the 1990's
20 Team of the Decade; and

21 WHEREAS, The Mount Carmel High School Football team won
22 the State Championship in 1980, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996,
23 1998, 1999, and 2000 and was the State runner-up in 1986 and
24 1995, with an overall record of 563 wins and 196 losses; and

25 WHEREAS, The Mount Carmel High School Football team was
26 the Catholic League Champion for eleven years straight; and

27 WHEREAS, Mount Carmel High School is led by principal,
28 Father Carl Markelz, O. Carm., and its football team is led
29 by Coach Frank Lenti, who has been named the High School
30 Coach of the Century by the Chicago Tribune with a career

1 record of 198 wins and 26 losses, leading the team to nine
2 State championships; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Father Carl Markelz, O. Carm., Coach Frank
6 Lenti, and the 2000 Illinois State Champion Football Team of
7 Mount Carmel High School for its extraordinary
8 accomplishments; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Father Carl Markelz, O. Carm., Coach Frank
11 Lenti, and the 2000 Illinois State Champion Football Team of
12 Mount Carmel High School.