

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Joe Newton, one of the most successful cross
3 country coaches in the history of the sport, has completed
4 his 46th year at York High School in Elmhurst, Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 9th, 2002, at Detweiller Park in
6 Peoria, he led the York High School Dukes to an unprecedented
7 22nd State Class AA Championship Title; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton has a rich athletic background
9 of his own, attending Parker High School on Chicago's South
10 Side where he won 12 major letters and in 1947 was named a
11 High School All-American; and

12 WHEREAS, An outstanding sprinter at Northwestern
13 University, he received his Bachelor of Science from
14 Northwestern in 1951 and his Master of Arts from Northwestern
15 in 1952; and

16 WHEREAS, After serving in the Army for two years, he
17 began his coaching career in 1954 in Waterman, Illinois,
18 before moving to York High School in 1956; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to 22 State cross country titles at
20 York, Coach Joe Newton's teams have won 24 sectional titles
21 plus a State track championship in 2000, York's first track
22 title since 1939; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton has been named the High School
24 Cross Country Coach of the Year sixteen times by the Northern
25 Illinois Track Coaches Association and was honored fifteen
26 times as the Illinois High School Coaches Association's Coach
27 of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton became the first high school
29 coach selected as an Olympic coach for the U.S. Men's Track
30 and Field Team in 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton is a Hall of Fame inductee of
2 numerous organizations, including the National High School
3 Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the United States
4 Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Northwestern
5 University Hall of Fame, the United States Track and Field
6 Federation Hall of Fame, the Northern Illinois Track and
7 Cross Country Association Hall of Fame, and the Gatorade
8 Coaches Hall of Fame, among many others; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton has inspired thousands of young
10 athletes to excel both on and off the field; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Joe Newton's devotion and commitment to
12 his students over the past 46 years has taught us the true
13 definition of the word "champion"; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we do hereby honor the achievements of Coach Joe Newton as a
17 dedicated coach, teacher, and friend to many, and that we
18 offer our sincere congratulations on his 46th year at York
19 High School and 22nd State Class AA Cross Country
20 Championship Title; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Coach Joe Newton.