

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to honor the achievements
4 of student athletes; and

5 WHEREAS, The El Paso High School football team, the
6 Comets, recently were runners-up in the Class 1A State
7 Football Tournament in Champaign; the Comets finished the
8 season with a record of 13 wins and one loss; and

9 WHEREAS, El Paso won its sixth consecutive Midstate
10 Conference North Division Championship and has won 38
11 straight conference games; the team set a Class 1A Playoff
12 record for most points scored and the largest win in its 64-0
13 victory over Lewistown; Derek Hunsinger set a Class 1A
14 Playoff record for most rushing attempts in a title game with
15 42; the following school team records were set: most wins
16 (season), 13; most points per game, 40.6; most points
17 (quarter), 41; most yards rushing per game, 335.5; most
18 quarterback sacks (season), 27; and individual school records
19 were set by Derek Hunsinger for most points scored (season),
20 194; most touchdowns (season), 32; most yards rushing
21 (season), 2105; most yards rushing (career), 3661; and most
22 attempts rushing (career), 528; by Jesse Smith for most extra
23 points (season), 49; and by Chris Carr for most pass
24 receptions (career), 82; most yards receiving (career), 1628,
25 most TD passes caught (career), 19; and most pass
26 interceptions (career), 13; and

27 WHEREAS, The head coach of the Comets is Mike Souhrada;
28 the assistant coaches are Dick Bouris, Brian Quam, Joe
29 Malcom, Steve Rigsby, Seef Grauer, Brad Bouris, and John
30 Garrett; and

31 WHEREAS, The members of the team are Derek Hunsinger,
32 Kyle Pfister, Isaac Hill, Mike Duncan, Chris Carr, Joe Petta,

1 Brian Harsh, Aaron Seggerman, Seth Shepard, Matt Fogle,
2 Andrew Gilliland, Jesse Smith, Brandon Duffy, Isaac Schmidt,
3 Joel Dudley, Cory Price, Kyle Sigler, Ryan Matzke, Ian
4 McWilliams, Damon Armstrong, David Pignotti, Sean Tibbs, Kurt
5 Iskrzycki, Adam Bean, Jeremy Miller, Jeremy Ales, Jake
6 Barker, Brandon Sylvester, Randy Garrels, Rich Gustafson, Dan
7 Williamson, Jeff Gregory, Quentin Bateman, Brett Fogle,
8 Michael Haas, Bobby Lee, Josh Grimwood, and Max Brucker; and

9 WHEREAS, The team is grateful for their cheerleaders who
10 supported them throughout the season; they are Josey Jones,
11 Gina Miller, Katie Feeney, Jamie Mayotte, Jenny Jones, Billie
12 Joe Payne, Marney Furrow, Aja Haas, Brooke Cunningham, Nicole
13 Roger, Courtney Toillion, Krysti Huckins, Lesley Wilkey, and
14 Kim Wickenhauser; the cheerleader coach is Thayre Furrow and
15 Eric Craddock is Captain Comet; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate the Comets football team of El Paso High
19 School on finishing second in the State Class 1A Football
20 Tournament; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to Head Coach Mike Souhrada and each of the
23 contributing members of the Comets mentioned herein with our
24 best wishes for their continued success.