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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the chess teams of Orrington School and Nichols Middle School in Evanston, who won the primary (K-3) and junior high divisions, respectively, at the Illinois Scholastic Chess Championship, held March 10 and 11 in Collinsville; and

WHEREAS, The Orrington team, competing against 40 other schools, earned a score of 20.5, based on the cumulative wins of its top four players, who competed in seven games over two days, each win counting as a point and a draw earning a player one-half point; and

WHEREAS, Sasha Boutilier scored 5, winning 1st place for kindergarten; first-grader Jack Mallers also scored 5, earning an individual 14th place overall; Madelaine Martin's score of 5 won her an individual 4th place for third grade; and third-grader Ashok Raife won individual 11th place overall with a score of 5.5; and

WHEREAS, After seven games, the top four players of the Nichols team earned a score of 20, with each player contributing five points; Elliot Damashek placed 16th overall; Sam Decker placed 1st for seventh grade; Veronica Metz won 1st place for eighth grade; and Zach Yarnoff won 13th place overall; and

WHEREAS, The other members of the Nichols team include Alex Banzhaf, Justin Sandler, Andrew Day, Rueben Doetsch, David Singham, Todd Summers, and Rigel Valentine; their coach is Shawn Decker and their assistant coach is Bill Banzhaf; and

WHEREAS, The following members of the Orrington team also had victories at the SuperNationals II championship in Kansas

1 City, Mo., April 26-29: Ashok Raife, Colin Martin, Misha
2 Boutillier, Nicholas R. Jones, Sam Miller, Sammi Warner, and
3 Benjamin Law; and

4 WHEREAS, The other members of the Orrington team include:
5 Charlie Fisher, Travis Law, Sean Mallers, Madelaine Martin,
6 Atticus Robinson, Miles Robinson, and Sarah Seguine-Hall;
7 their coach is Linda Mallers, and their tutor is Miguel
8 Santana; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate the chess teams of Orrington School and
12 Nichols Middle School on their victories at the Illinois
13 Scholastic Chess Championship; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to Orrington School Chess Coach Linda Mallers and
16 Nichols Middle School Chess Coach Shawn Decker as an
17 expression of our esteem.