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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Jerry Reinsdorf, who was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 25, 1936; he moved with his family to Chicago, Illinois in 1957; Mr. Reinsdorf then went on to graduate from George Washington University in Washington D.C., earn a law degree from Northwestern University, as well as a Doctorate of Humane Letters from Illinois College; Mr. Reinsdorf is married to his wife, Martyl, and has four children and seven grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to his sports interests, Mr. Reinsdorf is an attorney, a certified public accountant, a specialist in real estate securities, a registered mortgage underwriter, and a certified review appraiser; in December 1987, Mr. Reinsdorf completed employment as chairman of the board of a real estate investment firm he co-founded in the early 1970s and sold to American Express; currently, he is a partner in Bojer Financial, Ltd., a land investment company; he is a former member of the board of directors of Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc., the Northwestern University Law School Alumni Association, LaSalle Bank, Equity Office Properties, and numerous other corporations and charities; Mr. Reinsdorf is also a current trustee of Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, In 2005, Jerry Reinsdorf began his 25th season as chairman of the Chicago White Sox, the second-longest ownership tenure in franchise history behind club founder Charles Comiskey (1901-31) and the second-longest as a controlling owner among the 30 Major League clubs; during Reinsdorf's 25 seasons as chairman of the White Sox, the team has captured American League division championships four times, including an AL Central title in 2005; the White Sox, who also won division titles in 1983, 1993, and 2000, were in first place in both the 1994 and 2005 regular seasons; and

1           WHEREAS, During his career in professional sports, Mr.  
2 Reinsdorf has been responsible for the construction of two new  
3 sports facilities in Chicago, Comiskey Park (1991), now U.S.  
4 Cellular Field, and the United Center (1994); over the past  
5 five off-seasons, Mr. Reinsdorf, the White Sox, and the  
6 Illinois Sports Facilities Authority have undertaken dramatic  
7 off-season renovations to U.S. Cellular Field with the goal of  
8 improving the ballpark experience for White Sox fans; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Reinsdorf expanded his involvement in  
10 professional sports in March 1985 by purchasing controlling  
11 interest in the Chicago Bulls; during his tenure as chairman of  
12 the Bulls, the team has captured six World Championships for  
13 Chicago (1991-1993, 1996-1998); and

14           WHEREAS, On October 26th, 2005, after the Chicago White Sox  
15 swept the Houston Astros to become the 2005 Major League  
16 Baseball World Series Champions, Mr. Jerry Reinsdorf became  
17 only the third owner in sports history to win championships in  
18 two of the four major sports (baseball, basketball, football  
19 and hockey); Mr. Reinsdorf has now won championships with both  
20 the Chicago Bulls (1991-1993 and 1996-1998) and the 2005 World  
21 Series Champion Chicago White Sox; therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
24 Mr. Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Chicago White Sox, be  
25 recognized and honored for his ability and astuteness in  
26 assembling one of the most winning teams in Chicago White Sox  
27 history; not only did the 2005 Chicago White Sox have the best  
28 regular season record of all American League Baseball teams in  
29 the 2005 season (with 99 wins and 63 loses), but the 2005  
30 Chicago White Sox have dominated the 2005 playoff postseason by  
31 sweeping the Boston Red Sox three games to none in the American  
32 League Division Series and then soundly defeating the Los  
33 Angeles Angels of Anaheim to become the first Chicago White Sox

1 team in 46 years to reach the World Series; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That Jerry Reinsdorf be honored by the 94th  
3 Illinois General Assembly by bringing the first World Series  
4 Championship to the Chicago White Sox since 1917, a span of 88  
5 years; not only did the 2005 Chicago White Sox win the World  
6 Series, but did it by sweeping the Houston Astros in four  
7 straight games, showing that leadership, teamwork, and  
8 humility are the keys to success, from the owner down to each  
9 individual ball player; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Mr. Jerry Reinsdorf and his family and to the  
12 Chicago White Sox organization.