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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The 3-day National Football League Player  
3 Selection Meeting, commonly known as the "NFL Draft", is one of  
4 the most widely-viewed sports events on worldwide television  
5 that does not involve an athletic contest; and

6           WHEREAS, The signing, by the Chicago Bears, of University  
7 of Illinois great "Red" Grange in 1925 was the first  
8 significant transition of a college football superstar to the  
9 National Football League, setting the stage for the coming  
10 century of "America's game"; and

11           WHEREAS, The owner/founder of the Chicago Bears, George  
12 Halas, is a key figure in the history of the National Football  
13 League, recognized as such through the George Halas Trophy,  
14 awarded annually to the champion of the National Football  
15 Conference (NFC) within the National Football League; and

16           WHEREAS, Twenty-nine of the 500 firms listed in the Fortune  
17 500 list are headquartered in the greater Chicago area,  
18 including many firms that partner with the National Football  
19 League and its 32 teams in a variety of ways; and

20           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
21 Representatives believe that the Chicago area will be a superb

1 location and headquarters for the annual NFL Draft; therefore,  
2 be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we invite the National Football League to hold the National  
6 Football League Player Selection Meeting in the Chicago area as  
7 a gesture to the heritage of the NFL and a gesture toward the  
8 future; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to  
10 Roger Goodell, Commissioner of the National Football League,  
11 George McCaskey, Chairman of the Chicago Bears, and the 31  
12 other constituent teams of the National Football League.