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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the 2015 Major League Baseball (MLB)
3 season, several incidents occurred in which fans in the stands
4 were struck by balls and shattered bats; some of these
5 incidents have necessitated medical attention and
6 hospitalization for those who were struck; and

7 WHEREAS, MLB has recently issued a recommendation that all
8 30 teams erect protective netting in front of the most exposed
9 field-level seats from one dugout to the other dugout; and

10 WHEREAS, Some of MLB's teams already have netting down the
11 first and third base lines; most of the teams that do not
12 currently have netting in place are expected to comply by
13 opening day of the 2016 season; however, not all teams have
14 expressed plans to install netting; and

15 WHEREAS, The current options include netting which is
16 translucent enough to continue to provide the close-up
17 experience that spectators have come to enjoy and still enhance
18 safety; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 encourage all 30 Major League Baseball teams to have protective

1 netting installed down the first and third base lines from one
2 dugout to the other dugout by opening day of the 2016 season in
3 order to enhance the safety of those attending games; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred and all 30 MLB teams.