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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 33 by
3 deleting everything and replacing it with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
5 Representatives wish to congratulate the World Champion
6 Chicago Cubs on winning an epic World Series on November 3,
7 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs last won the World Series in 1907
9 and 1908; they last appeared in the World Series in 1945; and

10 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs compiled a record of 103 wins and
11 58 losses during the 2016 season; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs fielded the entire starting
13 infield for the 2016 MLB All-Star Game; this marked the first
14 time a National League team had done so since 1963; they had

1 seven players selected, Jake Arrieta, Kris Bryant, Dexter
2 Fowler, Jon Lester, Anthony Rizzo, Addison Russell, and Ben
3 Zobrist; and

4 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs won the division championship
5 with a 17.5 game lead; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs eliminated the San Francisco
7 Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs to advance
8 to the World Series; and

9 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs defeated the Cleveland Indians in
10 a historic and dramatic World Series Game 7 that went into
11 extra innings, ending with a score of 8 to 7 in the 10th; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs rallied from a deficit of three
13 games to one, a feat only accomplished by five other teams in
14 World Series history; and

15 WHEREAS, A victory parade and rally was held for the
16 Chicago Cubs on November 4, 2016, drawing five million fans,
17 making it the seventh largest known gathering in the history of
18 the world; and

19 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs have the greatest and most loyal
20 fans in the world; with its historic scoreboard and green ivy,

1 Wrigley Field is one of the greatest places to watch a ball
2 game; Manager Joe Maddon has said that "playing in Wrigley
3 Field is magical"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Ricketts family, Crane Kenney and the entire
5 Cubs front office, and Theo Epstein should be praised for
6 bringing together such an amazing team and for setting the
7 Chicago Cubs on a course for continued success for many years
8 to come; and

9 WHEREAS, On April 12, 2017, the players of the Chicago Cubs
10 will be presented with their World Series Championship Rings,
11 commemorating their historical 2016 season; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Chicago Cubs on
15 winning the 2016 World Series; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Manager Joe Maddon on
17 guiding the Chicago Cubs to the championship with his zen
18 leadership, convincing both players and fans to look forward
19 not backwards, to think positively, and to "Do simple better";
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we declare March 8, 2017 as "Chicago Cubs

1 World Series Champions Day"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we declare April 12, 2017 as "Chicago Cubs
3 World Series Commemoration Day"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to members of the Chicago Cubs organization.