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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Rockford Peaches were a women's professional baseball team that played from 1943 through 1954 in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League; and

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WHEREAS, With America's entry into World War II, several major league baseball executives decided to start a new professional baseball league with women players in order to maintain baseball in the public eye while the majority of men were away; and

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WHEREAS, The Rockford Peaches played their home games at Beyer Stadium on 15th Avenue in Rockford; they won league titles in 1945, 1948, 1949, and 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Rockford Peaches who were named to all-star teams included Dorothy Kamenshek, Lois Florreich, Dorothy Harrell, Carolyn Morris, Alice Pollitt, Ruth Richard, Rose Gacioch, Eleanor Callow, and Joan Berger; and

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WHEREAS, The Rockford Peaches were immortalized in the 1992 film, A League of Their Own, which was directed by Penny Marshall and starred Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Lori Petty, Madonna, and Rosie O'Donnell, and gave us the classic line "There's no crying in baseball!"; and

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1           WHEREAS, The International Women's Baseball Center, in  
2 partnership with Friends of Beyer Stadium, will hold a series  
3 of events on May 30 through June 3, 2018 to celebrate the  
4 Rockford Peaches' 75th anniversary; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of  
7 May 30 to June 5, 2018 as "Rockford Peaches Week" in the State  
8 of Illinois; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to the International Women's Baseball Center,  
11 Friends of Beyer Stadium, and the City of Rockford.