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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Chicago Cubs' first
4 baseman Anthony Rizzo on being selected for the 2017 Roberto
5 Clemente Award; and

6 WHEREAS, The Roberto Clemente Award is presented annually
7 to the Major League Baseball player who best represents the
8 game through "extraordinary character, community involvement,
9 philanthropy and positive contributions" on and off the field;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Anthony Rizzo is the third Cubs player to receive
12 the award, following Rick Sutcliffe in 1987 and Sammy Sosa in
13 1998, and the first from Chicago since White Sox first baseman
14 Paul Konerko was a co-winner in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, Anthony Rizzo is a five-time nominee for the
16 award; his Rizzo Family Foundation has raised \$4 million over
17 the years helping families of cancer patients; he hosts several
18 fundraisers a year both in season and during the winter; and

19 WHEREAS, Anthony Rizzo survived cancer himself, having
20 been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma while playing minor
21 league baseball in 2008; during his time in treatment, he made

1 a commitment with his mother to build an organization dedicated
2 to benefiting cancer research and the families fighting the
3 disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Anthony Rizzo is involved with cancer centers at
5 the University of Miami Health System, the Joe DiMaggio
6 Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, and Gilda's Club
7 Chicago; he frequently visits the children in the infusion
8 center at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago,
9 where they receive chemotherapy; earlier this year, his
10 foundation made a \$3.5 million endowment to Lurie Children's
11 Hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Anthony Rizzo was voted by the MLB players as the
13 recipient of the 2017 Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award; he
14 was nominated by his teammates and chosen from a final group of
15 six; the award is given to the player who most inspires others
16 to higher levels of achievement through his on-field
17 performance and contributions to his community; and

18 WHEREAS, During his early days with the Cubs, Anthony Rizzo
19 kept an autographed photo of Ernie Banks and him inside his
20 locker signed with the words "Dream big"; now his catchphrase
21 to the children and families he meets is "Stay strong and dream
22 big"; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Chicago Cubs' first baseman Anthony Rizzo on
4 winning the 2017 Roberto Clemente Award; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Anthony Rizzo as a symbol of our respect and
7 esteem.