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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs compiled a record of 103 wins and
9 58 losses during the 2016 season; and

10 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs fielded the entire starting
11 infield for the 2016 MLB All-Star Game; this marked the first
12 time a National League team had done so since 1963; they had
13 seven players selected, Jake Arrieta, Kris Bryant, Dexter
14 Fowler, Jon Lester, Anthony Rizzo, Addison Russell, and Ben
15 Zobrist; and

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

18 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs eliminated the San Francisco
19 Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs to advance
20 to the World Series; and

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs have the greatest and most loyal
12 fans in the world; with its historic scoreboard and green ivy,
13 Wrigley Field is one of the greatest places to watch a ball
14 game; Manager Joe Maddon has said that "playing in Wrigley
15 Field is magical"; and

16 WHEREAS, The Ricketts family, Crane Kenney and the entire
17 Cubs front office, and Theo Epstein should be praised for
18 bringing together such an amazing team and for setting the
19 Chicago Cubs on a course for continued success for many years
20 to come; therefore, be it

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

5 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Manager Joe Maddon on
6 guiding the Chicago Cubs to the championship with his zen
7 leadership, convincing both players and fans to look forward
8 not backwards, to think positively, and to "Do simple better";
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we designate March 8, 2017 "Chicago Cubs
11 World Series Champions Day"; and be it further

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