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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor Chance the Rapper for his
4 charitable contributions to the Chicago Public School
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, Chance the Rapper, born Chancelor Johnathan
7 Bennett, a Chicago native, and a graduate of the Chicago Public
8 Schools, has redefined the music industry by producing Grammy
9 Award-winning music; and

10 WHEREAS, Chance refuses to sell his music via a contract
11 with a record company so that anyone can access and listen to
12 his music for free; and

13 WHEREAS, Chance has not forgotten his Chicago roots by
14 becoming active in combating gun violence, homelessness, and
15 racial inequities; and

16 WHEREAS, Chance met with Governor Bruce Rauner in March of
17 2017 in an attempt to discuss recently announced cuts to school
18 funding; and

19 WHEREAS, Chance decided to address the issue of school
20 funding himself by donating \$1,000,000 to the Chicago Public

1 School District; and

2 WHEREAS, The Chicago Bulls Organization followed the lead
3 of Chance, by also donating \$1,000,000 to the Chicago Public
4 School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Chance also donated \$10,000 to nine Chicago Public
6 Schools each, including Hirsch Metropolitan High; and

7 WHEREAS, Chance has brought much-needed attention to the
8 issue of school funding inequities for the City of Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Chance will continue to make music, educate youth,
10 and advocate for the issues he cares about; and

11 WHEREAS, Chance is a role model for the Chicago community
12 and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 honor Chance the Rapper for his charitable donation to Chicago
16 Public Schools, and we wish him the best as he continues his
17 musical career; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Chance the Rapper as a symbol of our respect and

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