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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Robert Quinlan "Bob"  
4 Costas on being chosen as the 2018 recipient of the Ford C.  
5 Frick Award, given annually by the National Baseball Hall of  
6 Fame for excellence in broadcasting; and

7 WHEREAS, The Ford C. Frick Award is the highest honor a  
8 broadcaster can receive from the National Baseball Hall of  
9 Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Costas began his post-college broadcasting  
11 career on the local St. Louis station, KMOX-AM, announcing  
12 play-by-play for the American Basketball Association team the  
13 Spirits of St. Louis; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Costas was hired by NBC in 1980 and joined the  
15 broadcasting team on the popular baseball show, Game of the  
16 Week; he went on to announce baseball all-star and postseason  
17 games throughout the 1980s and 1990s, becoming a respected  
18 national broadcaster; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Costas has found success announcing for  
20 various sports, most notably as NBC's prime time Olympics host  
21 from 1992 to 2016; he has won numerous broadcasting awards

1 including 28 Emmys and eight Sportscaster of the Year awards;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Baseball has always been a constant throughout the  
4 career of Bob Costas; he has been a strong advocate for the  
5 game, has spoken out against steroid use, and has championed a  
6 purer and more unhurried version of the game in his book, Fair  
7 Ball: A Fan's Case for Baseball; and

8 WHEREAS, By his simple love of baseball, Bob Costas has  
9 become the voice that connects numerous fans to the sport they  
10 love; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Bob Costas on winning the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award  
14 from the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and we wish him  
15 continued success in all future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Bob Costas as a symbol of our respect and esteem.