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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Homer Glen resident and
4 Chicago Bears' legend Steve McMichael on his long-anticipated
5 entrance into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael played 15 seasons as a defensive
7 tackle in the National Football League (NFL), with 13 of those
8 seasons as a Chicago Bear appearing in a franchise-record 191
9 straight games; and

10 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael, a native Texan, began playing
11 football for the University of Texas Longhorns, where he
12 earned MVP in the 1979 Hula Bowl; he was inducted into the
13 Longhorn Hall of Honor in 1999 and the College Football Hall of
14 Fame in 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, At six feet and two inches tall and 270 pounds,
16 Steve McMichael, a charismatic soul, was drafted into the NFL
17 by the New England Patriots in 1980; he only played on that
18 team for a year before becoming a beloved member of the Chicago
19 Bears; and

20 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael played for the Bears from 1981 to
21 1993 and was affectionately known as "Mongo" and "Ming the

1 Merciless" or "Ming" for short; and

2 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael's impressive record includes
3 ranking second in Chicago Bears History with 92.5 sacks; and

4 WHEREAS, During Steve McMichael's tenure with the Bears,
5 he helped his team win six division champions; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael's performance was instrumental in
7 the Bears' 1985 Super Bowl XX victory and is considered among
8 the greatest defensive performances in NFL history; and

9 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael was a two-time first-team
10 All-Pro, a three-time second-team All-Pro, and a two-time Pro
11 Bowler; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael was named the 19th best player in
13 Bears history by writers Don Pierson and Dan Pompei in the
14 Chicago Bears Centennial Scrapbook in 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael was described by the Chicago
16 Bears' Mike Ditka as the toughest player he ever coached; and

17 WHEREAS, During Steve McMichael's era, he helped the Bears
18 set numerous defensive team records, including fewest yards
19 allowed with 3,863 and most sacks with 72, including 10 made by

1 McMichael; and

2 WHEREAS, The Bears' 72 total sacks still stands as an NFL
3 record, and Steve McMichael's 95.0 career sacks rank fourth in
4 NFL history by a defensive tackle; and

5 WHEREAS, Steve McMichael was elected to the Pro Football
6 Hall of Fame, garnering the required 80% of the vote from a
7 50-member Selection Committee; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Steve "Mongo" McMichael on his much-deserved
11 2024 induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That we thank Steve McMichael for his commitment
14 and devotion to the Chicago Bears and his legendary
15 contribution to the history of the Bears and professional
16 football; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Steve McMichael and his family as a token of our
19 esteem and respect.