



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Eight years ago, Springfield began hosting the
3 world championship of wiffle ball; and

4 WHEREAS, The original co-founders, Speaker Madigan's Chief
5 Issues Operative Mike Thomson and Labor Representative Sean
6 Stott, along with their wives, have hosted this tournament in
7 Springfield at Stott International Backyard Park for the last
8 eight years; and

9 WHEREAS, Teams of Stott/Thomson were able to win the
10 tournament in the early days over a small and weak field of
11 contestants; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent tournaments have increased in size
13 including two young athletic dynamos who joined forces to begin
14 a new wiffle ball dynasty; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2002, current House Republican staffer Beth
16 Bear and former House Republican staffer Ed Peck brought the
17 honor of athletic glory and a World Championship to the common
18 folk of the State of Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, Beth Bear and Ed Peck, to no shock of the sporting
20 world, demonstrated superior talent and athletic prowess in
21 winning the title again this past weekend; and

22 WHEREAS, Beth Bear and Ed Peck are now two time Wiffle Ball
23 World Champions, having won 2 of the last 3 world
24 championships; and

25 WHEREAS, This indomitable force has reached the summit of
26 athletic glory and has been coined by ESPN as a "dynasty" and
27 one of the top 25 teams of all time, ranking with the likes of
28 the Chicago Bulls and New York Yankees; and

1 WHEREAS, It is doubtful that teams of Stott/Thomson will
2 ever again reach the pinnacle of the sport; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that,
5 along with the citizens of the great State of Illinois, we
6 congratulate Beth Bear and Ed Peck on their accomplishments and
7 their contribution to wiffle ball in particular and athletics
8 in general as witnessed by their two, and counting, Backyard
9 Wiffle Ball Classic Championships; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Beth Bear and Ed Peck as an expression of our
12 respect and esteem.