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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, Daniel B. McGrath was recently inducted into the
- 3 Leo High School Hall of Fame; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath graduated from Leo High School in
- 5 1968; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath started writing sports for the Leo
- 7 High School Oriole and became its sports editor in 1968, and
- 8 his ambition was to become a professional sports commentator;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Mr. McGrath
- 11 attended Marquette University and later worked for The
- 12 Sacramento Bee and The Philadelphia Inquirer; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath was hired by The Chicago Tribune as
- 14 Sports Editor in the late 1990s; and
- WHEREAS, When Leo High School senior Eric Ersery was gunned
- down while coming home from his job at Burlington Coat Factory,
- Dan McGrath wrote a series of poignant articles on the horrors
- 18 of urban violence; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath took the lead in establishing the
- 20 Cecil McClure Scholarship Fund, by bringing together the best
- 21 sports writers in America for a benefit that touched off a
- 22 steady stream of donations to help young men fight back the
- 23 streets through education; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath is also an Adjunct Professor of
- 25 Journalism at Northwestern University and a frequent
- 26 commentator and moderator on The SCORE and Comcast and WGN
- 27 Sports Shows; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath is the husband of Jo-Anna and the
- 2 father of Megan and Matthew McGrath, as well as the author of
- 3 "Believe It: The Story of the 2005 World Championship White
- 4 Sox"; therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 7 we congratulate Daniel McGrath on being inducted into the Leo
- 8 High School Hall of Fame; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to Mr. McGrath as an expression of our respect and
- 11 esteem.