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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mark Buehrle of the
4 Chicago White Sox for pitching a perfect game against the Tampa
5 Bay Rays on July 23, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Buehrle became only the 18th pitcher in Major
7 League Baseball history to throw a perfect game and the first
8 member of the White Sox to pitch a perfect game since Charlie
9 Robertson in 1922; and

10 WHEREAS, By pitching a perfect game, Mark Buehrle joins an
11 elite class of pitchers that spans the ages and includes some
12 of the all-time baseball greats, including John Richmond of the
13 Worcester Brown Stockings, John Ward of the Providence Giants,
14 Cy Young of the Boston Pilgrims, Addie Joss of the Cleveland
15 Indians, Charlie Robertson of the Chicago White Sox, Don Larsen
16 of the New York Yankees, Jim Bunning of the Philadelphia
17 Phillies, Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Catfish
18 Hunter of the Oakland Athletics, Len Barker of the Cleveland
19 Indians, Mike Witt of the California Angels, Tom Browning of
20 the Cincinnati Reds, Dennis Martinez of the Montreal Expos,
21 Kenny Rogers of the Texas Rangers, David Wells of the New York
22 Yankees, David Cone of the New York Yankees, and Randy Johnson
23 of the Arizona Diamondbacks; and

1 WHEREAS, Mark Buehrle's perfect game led the Sox to a 5-0
2 victory; it was the second no-hitter of his career; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark Buehrle threw 76 of his 116 pitches for
4 strikes and struck out 6 of the hitters he faced in a game that
5 lasted only 2 hours and 3 minutes; and

6 WHEREAS, Buehrle's perfect game was an amazing
7 demonstration of team work as both offense and defense,
8 including DeWayne Wise's astounding catch against the wall in
9 the 9th inning, helped support Buehrle in his efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama called Buehrle's perfect
11 game an unbelievable achievement and something that everyone
12 will always remember; and

13 WHEREAS, On top of his perfect game and throughout his
14 Major League Baseball career, Mark Buehrle has won a World
15 Series, been named to four All-Star teams, and pitched two
16 no-hitters; and

17 WHEREAS, Mark Buehrle's career continues to grow in success
18 having recorded 133 wins, an ERA of 3.76, and 1,159 batters
19 struck out to date; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Mark Buehrle of the Chicago White Sox on his
4 perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays and wish him continued
5 success in the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mark Buehrle with our congratulations.