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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Since 1952, the Chicago Blackhawks, a member of  
3 the "Original Six" teams of the National Hockey League, have  
4 played for almost half a century under the executive leadership  
5 of Arthur Wirtz and his son, William "Bill" Wirtz, patriarchs  
6 of Illinois professional sports; and

7           WHEREAS, In October 2007, Arthur Wirtz's grandson, William  
8 Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz, took over executive leadership of the  
9 Chicago Blackhawks, a team already graced with the presence of  
10 Dustin Byfuglien, Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook,  
11 future team captain Jonathan Toews, and many other future stars  
12 and superstars of professional hockey; and

13           WHEREAS, Upon the base provided by these future superstars,  
14 Rocky Wirtz has achieved one of the most dramatic achievements  
15 of executive leadership in the history of the National Hockey  
16 League; in November of 2007 he hired John McDonough as team  
17 president of the Chicago Blackhawks; in of October 2008 he  
18 hired Joe Quenneville as head coach; and in July of 2009 he  
19 hired Stan Bowman as general manager; and

20           WHEREAS, On June 9, 2010, Rocky Wirtz's Chicago Blackhawks  
21 team, under the executive leadership of team president John  
22 McDonough and general manager Stan Bowman, and the field

1 leadership of head coach Joel Quenneville and team captain  
2 Jonathan Toews, won their fourth Stanley Cup, the supreme  
3 trophy of professional ice hockey; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 honor the sports ownership and executive leadership of William  
7 Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz, owner of the Chicago Blackhawks  
8 franchise, upon the hoisting by the Blackhawks of the 2009-10  
9 Stanley Cup in acknowledgement of their position as the  
10 champions of North American ice hockey; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That we honor the entire Wirtz family, starting  
12 with patriarch Arthur Wirtz, for their roles as owners in  
13 Chicago professional sports, leaders of the Illinois business  
14 community, and anchors and developers of Chicago's West Side;  
15 and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to William Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz as a token of our  
18 appreciation for the leadership role of the Wirtz family, and  
19 for the performance of excellence demonstrated by the Chicago  
20 Blackhawks in 2010.