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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ronald Edward Santo, who passed away at the age of 70 on December 3, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Santo was born on February 25, 1940, in Seattle, Washington; he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of 18; in 1959, he signed with the Chicago Cubs; and

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WHEREAS, In his 14 years with the Cubs and his final season with the White Sox, Ron Santo hit .277 with 2,254 hits, 342 home runs, and 1,331 runs batted in; he was named to Major League Baseball's All-Star team 9 times and won the Rawlings Gold Glove award 5 times; he hit .300 or better 4 times, had the best on-base percentage in the league in 1964 and 1966, and led the league in walks 4 times; in 2003, he was honored by the Cubs, who retired his No. 10 jersey and hoisted it up the left-field foul pole just below Banks' No. 14; in 2007, he received 57 votes from the National Baseball Veterans' Committee for induction into the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, Playing for the Chicago Cubs from 1960 to 1973 and then for a final season with the Chicago White Sox in 1974, Ron

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1 Santo would return to the baseball world 16 years later as a
2 broadcaster in the WGN-AM radio booth, where he was nominated
3 as one of ten finalists for the 2005 Ford C. Frick Award, the
4 Hall of Fame's highest broadcast honor; and

5 WHEREAS, As he did throughout his baseball career, Ron
6 Santo continued dealing with the effects of diabetes throughout
7 his life; he created the Juvenile Diabetes Research
8 Foundation's annual Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes, which has
9 been held in Chicago since 1974 and has helped raise over \$50
10 million for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF);
11 in 2002, he was named the Juvenile Diabetes Research
12 Foundation's "Person of the Year"; and

13 WHEREAS, Ron Santo is survived by his wife, Vicki; his
14 children, Ron Jr., Jeff, Linda, and Kelly; and his 2
15 grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Ron
19 Santo; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Ron Santo as a symbol of our sincere
22 sympathy.