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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On August 6, 2011, Richard Dent was inducted into
3 the Professional Football Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, After playing for 4 years at Tennessee State
5 University, Richard Dent was drafted by the Chicago Bears in
6 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Dent played every game during his rookie
8 season with the Chicago Bears and started in 3 of those games;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1984, Richard Dent recorded a Bears team record
11 of 17.5 sacks while being a starter in only the last 10 games
12 of the season, which was also the most of any defender in the
13 NFC; and

14 WHEREAS, During the historic 1985 Bears Super Bowl victory,
15 Richard Dent recorded 3 tackles, 1.5 sacks, and 2 forced
16 fumbles, ultimately earning him the Most Valuable Player
17 honors; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Dent was named first-or second-team
19 All-Pro 4 times and All-NFC 5 times; he was also selected to
20 play in 4 Pro Bowls (1985, 1986, 1991, and 1994); and

1 WHEREAS, Under Richard Dent's leadership, the Bears
2 defense during the 1980s ranks as one of the best in the
3 history of professional football; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement in 1997, Richard Dent had a
5 career total of 137.5 sacks, 8 interceptions, and 13 recovered
6 fumbles; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Dent founded the Make a Dent Foundation
8 over 15 years ago to improve the lives of children; the
9 organization currently focuses on partnerships with higher
10 education institutions, civic and community development, and
11 leadership development; and

12 WHEREAS, The Make a Dent Foundation cultivates the
13 advancement of inventive and effective ways of helping people
14 help themselves and those around them lead productive and
15 satisfying lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Dent embodies the true nexus of on-field
17 excellence, sportsmanship, and teamwork; and

18 WHEREAS, The members of this body, along with the citizens
19 of the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago applaud
20 Richard Dent for helping make history for Bears fans worldwide;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we designate the date of August 6, 2012 as "Richard Dent Day"
5 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Richard Dent as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.