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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jose Abreu on being
4 named the 2014 Major League Baseball American League Rookie of
5 the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Jose Dariel Abreu Correa was born on January 29,
7 1987 in Cruces, Cienfuegos Province, Cuba; and

8 WHEREAS, Jose Abreu was a star of Cuban baseball; he played
9 in the Cuban National Series and on Cuba's national baseball
10 team; after defecting from Cuba to the Dominican Republic in
11 August of 2013, he was granted free agency by Major League
12 Baseball (MLB); he signed with the Chicago White Sox in October
13 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Jose Abreu made his MLB debut for the White Sox on
15 March 31, 2014; he recorded his first major-league hit on that
16 day and his first home run 8 days later; and

17 WHEREAS, During the first half of the 2014 MLB season, Jose
18 Abreu was repeatedly named American League (AL) Player of the
19 Week and AL Player of the Month as his statistics continued to
20 climb; and

1 WHEREAS, As excitement and appreciation grew for Jose
2 Abreu's talents as a hitter, he was selected to join the
3 American League All-Star Team in the 2014 MLB All-Star Game,
4 played at Target Field in Minneapolis; and

5 WHEREAS, By the end of the 2014 MLB season, Jose Abreu was
6 credited with 176 hits, 107 runs batted in, and 80 runs; his
7 on-base percentage was .383, and his 36 homers notched a new
8 record for White Sox sluggers in their rookie year; and

9 WHEREAS, Jose Abreu was awarded the Silver Slugger Award
10 for being the best offensive player at first base in the
11 American League during the 2014 MLB season; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 10, 2014, Jose Abreu was named by the
13 Baseball Writers Association of America as recipient of the
14 American League Rookie of the Year Award in a unanimous vote;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Jose Abreu joins Luis Aparicio, Gary Peters,
17 Tommie Agee, Ron Kittle, and Ozzie Guillen as Chicago White Sox
18 players named American League Rookie of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, The Rookie of the Year Award for the American
20 League and the National League are presented annually in honor
21 of the inaugural 1947 winner, Jackie Robinson, signaling this

1 award's status as one of the highest honors in Major League
2 Baseball; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Jose Dariel Abreu Correa on being named the
6 2014 Major League Baseball American League Rookie of the Year,
7 and we wish him many more years of success; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to Jose Abreu and to the Chicago White Sox as a
10 symbol of our recognition of his great achievements.