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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of Minnie
4 Minoso of Chicago and wish to honor his life and pay tribute to
5 this very special man; and

6 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso was born in 1925 as Saturnino
7 Orestes Armas (Arrieta) Minoso; and

8 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso made his major league debut with the
9 Cleveland Indians in 1949 and was acquired by the Chicago White
10 Sox 2 years later; he played for the White Sox from 1951-1957,
11 1960-1961 and in 1964; he then served as player-coach in 1976
12 and 1980; and

13 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso became the first black man to play
14 for the White Sox in 1951, 4 years after Jackie Robinson broke
15 the color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers; he blazed a trail
16 for other Latin American players in the 1950s; and

17 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso was described as being the perfect
18 teammate with a love of the game and wanted to be playing
19 baseball even after death; and

20 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso established the White Sox standard

1 when he led the American League in being hit by pitches 10
2 times; he ran the bases like a gazelle with 205 stolen bases;
3 he drove in 100 or more runs 4 times, hit .300 or higher 8
4 times, and was a 7-time All-Star and 3-time Gold Glove winner;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, After his playing career, Minnie Minoso was
7 constantly around the team clubhouse as a community-relations
8 ambassador, team cheerleader, father figure, and mentor and
9 will be forever known as Mr. White Sox, having his number 9
10 retired in 1983, and his statue unveiled at U.S. Cellular Field
11 in 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso leaves behind his wife of 30 years,
13 Sharon; his sons, Orestes, Jr. and Charlie; and his daughters,
14 Marilyn and Cecilia; and

15 WHEREAS, Minnie Minoso was a featured guest at Speaker
16 Madigan's 50th birthday party held at the Stadium Club at
17 Comiskey Park; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 mourn the passing of Minnie Minoso, and extend our sincere
21 condolences to his family, friends and all who knew and loved
22 him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Minnie Minoso as an expression of
3 our respect and deepest sympathies.