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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate World Series Most  
4 Valuable Player and Eureka's own Ben Zobrist for his wonderful  
5 season and World Series victory; and

6 WHEREAS, Ben Zobrist was born and raised in Eureka; his  
7 parents are Tom Zobrist and Cynthia "Cindi" Zobrist; Tom  
8 Zobrist serves as the senior pastor of Liberty Bible Church in  
9 Eureka; and

10 WHEREAS, Ben Zobrist is married to Christian musician  
11 Julianna Zobrist, who sang "God Bless America" at Wrigley Field  
12 during Game 4 of the World Series; together, they have three  
13 children, Zion Benjamin, Kruse Allegra, and Blaise Royal; and

14 WHEREAS, Ben Zobrist currently plays with the 2016 World  
15 Champions Chicago Cubs; he previously played with the Tampa Bay  
16 Rays, the Oakland Athletics, and the Kansas City Royals; he  
17 helped win the 2015 World Series over the New York Mets while  
18 playing with the Kansas City Royals; and

19 WHEREAS, In the epic Game 7 of the 2016 World Series  
20 between the Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians, with the  
21 score tied in the 10th inning, Ben Zobrist hit an

1 opposite-field double down the third base line, driving home  
2 Albert Almora, Jr. and putting the Cubs ahead for good in an  
3 8-7 win that clinched the 2016 World Series victory; this  
4 victory marks the first World Series victory for the Chicago  
5 Cubs in 108 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Following the Cubs' Game 7 victory in the 2016  
7 World Series, Ben Zobrist was named the 2016 World Series Most  
8 Valuable Player after driving in the first of two go-ahead runs  
9 in the top of the tenth inning; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate 2016 World Series Most Valuable Player and  
13 Illinois native Ben Zobrist for his wonderful season and World  
14 Series victory and wish him great success and happiness in the  
15 future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Ben Zobrist as a symbol of our esteem and respect.