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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The people of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the country witnessed the Jackie Robinson West Little League team win the Little League World Series national title in the summer of 2014; and

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WHEREAS, On February 11, 2015, Little League International rescinded Jackie Robinson West's title due to reports of impropriety among the adults who organize and run the team; and

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WHEREAS, The children who play for Jackie Robinson West should not be punished because of actions taken by adults; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Little League International to rescind the decision to strip the Jackie Robinson West Little League team of its 2014 United States Championship; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we urge Little League International to rigorously investigate the other teams that play in the Little League tournament as thoroughly as Jackie Robinson West was; and be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That we urge Little League International to come  
2 to Chicago and speak with the parents of the Jackie Robinson  
3 West players who they have not spoken to; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That we urge Little League International to  
5 respond with an answer in writing to the attorneys that are  
6 requesting an investigation of the other Little League teams;  
7 and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 delivered to Little League International.