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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of famed New York Yankees player Bill
4 "Moose" Skowron of Schaumburg, who passed away on April 27,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, William Joseph Skowron was born on December 18,
7 1930, in Chicago; he went to Purdue on a football scholarship
8 and played halfback, punted, and place-kicked; he became a
9 collegiate star in baseball, playing shortstop and pitching;
10 the Yankee organization signed him in 1950 after he won the Big
11 Ten batting championship; and

12 WHEREAS, He made his Yankee debut in 1954; his best season
13 was 1960, when he hit .309 with 26 home runs, then hit .375
14 with 2 homers against Pittsburgh in the World Series; playing
15 for the Yankees, the Dodgers, the Washington Senators, the
16 White Sox, and the California Angels, he had 1,566 career hits,
17 888 runs batted in, and a .282 batting average; and

18 WHEREAS, He was known for a scowl and a muscular frame that
19 presumably intimidated opposing pitchers, he hit 211 home runs
20 in 14 major league seasons and batted .300 five times as a
21 Yankee; he played for Managers Casey Stengel and Ralph Houk on
22 Yankee teams that won 4 World Series; and

1 WHEREAS, He was named an All-Star every season from 1957 to
2 1961 with the Yankees and again in 1965 with the Chicago White
3 Sox; he was at his best in the World Series, hitting 8 home
4 runs and driving in 29 runs in 39 games; in 1956, he hit a grand
5 slam to help propel the Yankees to a Game 7 victory over the
6 Brooklyn Dodgers; in 1958, he drove in the eventual winning run
7 in Game 6 against the Milwaukee Braves, then hit a 3-run homer
8 in the Yankees' Game 7 triumph; and

9 WHEREAS, After retiring as a player, he held sales and
10 promotional jobs, and he was a community affairs representative
11 for the Chicago White Sox until his passing; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill "Moose" Skowron is survived by his wife,
13 Lorraine, known as Cookie; his daughter, Lynnette Skowron
14 Morgan; his sons, Steve and Greg; his brother, Edward; and 4
15 grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family, friends, and New York Yankee fans, the passing of
19 Bill "Moose" Skowron; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Bill "Moose" Skowron as a symbol of

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1 our sincere sympathy.