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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Tony La Russa on
4 his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Tony La Russa began his managerial career in 1979
6 when the Chicago White Sox took a chance on a law school
7 graduate, giving him his first big-league job; he won one
8 division title during his 8 years in Chicago and won his first
9 manager of the year award in 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, Tony La Russa moved on to Oakland in 1986, where
11 he spent 10 years with the Oakland A's and won 4 American
12 League West titles, 3 pennants, and the 1989 World Series; he
13 won 2 more manager of the year awards and became one of the
14 more prominent and successful managers in baseball during his
15 time in Oakland; and

16 WHEREAS, Tony La Russa's greatest success began in 1996
17 when he took over the St. Louis Cardinals; he managed for 16
18 seasons in St. Louis, the most by a Cardinals manager in
19 franchise history; he won more games than any Cardinals manager
20 in team history and earned 52% of his career victories as a
21 Cardinal; he managed 5,097 Major League Baseball games in total
22 and 51% of those games were spent in the Cardinals dugout; as a

1 St. Louis Cardinal, he won 6 division titles, 3 pennants, and 2
2 World Series titles, including one in 2011, his last season as
3 a manager; and

4 WHEREAS, Tony La Russa led all 3 franchises into the
5 postseason, but 50 of his 70 career postseason victories came
6 as the Cardinals manager; he finished with the third most wins
7 by a manager in a career that ended in 2011 with a record of
8 2,728 wins and 2,365 losses; it has been said that he became a
9 big-league manager in Chicago, a great manager in Oakland, and
10 a Hall of Fame manager in St. Louis; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Tony La Russa on his unanimous induction into
14 the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Tony La Russa as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.