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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Derrick Martell Rose on
4 the retirement of his jersey by the Chicago Bulls on January
5 24, 2026, an honor reserved for the most iconic figures in the
6 history of one of the world's most renowned sports franchises;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Derrick Rose was born in Chicago on October 4,
9 1988, and he was raised on the South Side of Chicago, where his
10 journey from neighborhood courts and Chicago Public Schools to
11 international basketball stardom became a powerful symbol of
12 perseverance, discipline, and possibility for young people
13 across this State; and

14 WHEREAS, Derrick Rose attended Beasley Academic Center,
15 where he first developed the foundation of his academic and
16 athletic life, before continuing his education and basketball
17 career at Simeon Career Academy, which hosts one of Chicago's
18 most storied basketball programs; and

19 WHEREAS, At Simeon Career Academy, Derrick Rose led his
20 team to a Chicago Public League championship and emerged as
21 one of the nation's premier high school basketball players,
22 exemplifying leadership, humility, and competitive excellence

1 while representing his school and community with distinction;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, After a standout collegiate season at the
4 University of Memphis, Derrick Rose was selected first overall
5 in the 2008 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls, returning home to
6 represent his city at the highest level of professional
7 basketball; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2011, at just 22 years old, Derrick Rose
9 became the youngest player in NBA history to be named the
10 league's Most Valuable Player, leading the Chicago Bulls to
11 the best regular-season record in the NBA and restoring
12 national prominence to the franchise; and

13 WHEREAS, During his career, Derrick Rose was named a
14 three-time NBA All-Star, an All-NBA First Team selection pick,
15 and the 2009 NBA Rookie of the Year, earning league-wide
16 respect for his electrifying style of play, quiet leadership,
17 and unwavering work ethic; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite enduring significant injuries that
19 altered the trajectory of his career, Derrick Rose
20 demonstrated extraordinary resilience and character,
21 continuing to compete at the highest level of professional
22 basketball and redefining success through perseverance,

1 adaptability, and grace; and

2 WHEREAS, Beyond his accomplishments on the court, Derrick
3 Rose has remained deeply connected to the City of Chicago,
4 using his platform to support youth, education, and community
5 development, and he has continued to serve as an enduring
6 inspiration to generations of Chicagoans; and

7 WHEREAS, The retirement of Derrick Rose's jersey
8 represents not only athletic excellence but also the enduring
9 bond between a city and one of its own, a Chicago Public
10 Schools graduate who carried the values of his community with
11 him wherever he played; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Derrick Martell Rose on the retirement of his
15 jersey by the Chicago Bulls in recognition of his remarkable
16 life and career, and we thank him for his lasting
17 contributions to the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois,
18 and the game of basketball; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Derrick Rose as an expression of our esteem and
21 admiration.