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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1876, five years after the Great Chicago Fire,
3 the Chicago Cubs became a charter member of the new National
4 League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, founded by, among
5 others, Chicagoan William Hulbert and Albert Spalding, who was
6 then-club secretary, a player-manager, and the founder of the
7 sporting goods company that still bears his name today; and

8 WHEREAS, The Cubs played their first National League game
9 on April 25, 1876, two months before Custer's Last Stand and
10 three months before Colorado was admitted as the 38th state of
11 the union, winning 4-0 vs. the Louisville Grays behind pitcher
12 Albert Spalding's complete-game shutout; and

13 WHEREAS, Of the eight charter members of the National
14 League, only two remain, and the Cubs are the only one to have
15 remained loyal to their original city and state since 1876;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Since 1876, more than 182,000,000 fans have
18 attended Cubs games in Chicago, celebrating success, enjoying
19 America's pastime, cheering their team, and bringing economic
20 success to the city and State, and millions more have listened
21 on radio and watched on television; and

1 WHEREAS, The Cubs have played more than 22,000 games and
2 used nearly 2,300 players, both Major League Baseball records;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Cubs have won eight division titles, 17
5 National League pennants, including the inaugural National
6 League pennant in 1876, and three World Series championships,
7 including a thrilling seven game series with Cleveland in
8 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, The parade celebrating the 2016 Cubs World Series
10 Championship was reported to have been attended by an
11 estimated five million people, making it the largest recorded
12 non-religious gathering in human history and the 7th largest
13 gathering of any type at the time; and

14 WHEREAS, The Cubs won the 1907 and 1908 World Series,
15 playing at the West Side Grounds in the area near Taylor and
16 Wood Streets in what is today the Illinois Medical District;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Cubs have played around the world, including
19 opening the 2025 MLB season in Tokyo, playing in London in
20 2023, becoming the first team to play a regular season MLB game
21 in Asia when they opened the 2000 season vs. the New York Mets,
22 and the first team to play an around-the-world baseball tour

1 in 1888-1889, which also made them the first MLB team to play
2 games in Australia, Egypt, France, Italy, New Zealand, and Sri
3 Lanka; and

4 WHEREAS, A Chicago Cubs' "W" flag has flown from the
5 summit of Mount Everest, on the shores of the Dead Sea, in
6 outer space at the International Space Station, and at both
7 the North and South Poles; and

8 WHEREAS, The team was called "Cubs" for the first time in
9 1902 in reference to a roster of young players in spring
10 training and officially adopted the name in 1907; and

11 WHEREAS, The Cubs have played at Wrigley Field since 1916
12 and have been a part of countless events etched in the national
13 consciousness, including Babe Ruth's famous called shot in the
14 1932 World Series and Gabby Hartnett's Homer in the Gloamin,
15 and they play in the last remaining Major League Baseball
16 ballpark in which Jackie Robinson played; and

17 WHEREAS, The Cubs have scored more than 103,000 runs and
18 collected more than 200,000 hits, both Major League Baseball
19 records, won the highest scoring game in MLB history (49 total
20 runs, 26-23) on August 25, 1922, and have scored the most runs
21 ever in a single MLB game, 36, on June 29, 1897; and

1 WHEREAS, The Cubs' season record of 116 wins in the
2 154-game season of 1906 is still a Major League Baseball
3 record today; and

4 WHEREAS, The Cubs boast 54 players, managers, and
5 executives who have been enshrined in the National Baseball
6 Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York; and

7 WHEREAS, The Cubs made history in 1926 when Margaret
8 Donohue became the first woman in Major League Baseball
9 unrelated to a team owner to serve as an officer of a
10 professional sports team; and

11 WHEREAS, The Cubs were the first Major League Baseball
12 team to hire an African American coach, Buck O'Neil, in 1962;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Cubs have employed hundreds of thousands of
15 Chicago residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Cubbie Blue is a color known to be a source of
17 pride to Cubs fans across the globe; and

18 WHEREAS, Cubs Charities has donated more than \$62 million
19 since 2009 to support families and individuals, promote youth
20 sports and well-being, and improve lives and communities

1 across all 77 neighborhoods of the City of Chicago and
2 throughout the State of Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Famous Cubs, including Ernie Banks, Mordecai
4 Brown, Phil Cavaretta, Frank Chance, Andre Dawson, Johnny
5 Evers, Stan Hack, Gabby Hartnett, Fergie Jenkins, Anthony
6 Rizzo, Ryne Sandberg, Ron Santo, Sammy Sosa, Joe Tinker, Billy
7 Williams, and more than 2,000 others, have brought joy and
8 celebration to fans for generations; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare August 29,
12 2026 as Chicago Cubs Day in the State of Illinois to celebrate
13 and honor the team and all those who have played for, worked
14 for, enjoyed the triumphs of, and shared a passion for, the
15 Chicago Cubs; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the Chicago Cubs on 150
17 years as part of the fabric of our State and the City of
18 Chicago, serving to delight fans, attract visitors, and
19 heighten civic pride; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Chicago Cubs organization in celebration of
22 the professional sports franchise having made the longest and

1 greatest contribution to the State of Illinois and the City of
2 Chicago.