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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Oswaldo "Ozzie" Guillén Barrios on his storied
4 career and remarkable achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Ozzie Guillén, born January 20, 1964, is an
6 exceptional and revered former major league baseball player,
7 manager, philanthropist, and current sports broadcaster; he
8 played in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a shortstop for 16
9 seasons, primarily with the Chicago White Sox, from 1985 to
10 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Ozzie Guillén was born in Ocumare del Tuy,
12 Venezuela; he became known for his defensive skills and fiery
13 personality; he won the American League Rookie of the Year
14 award in 1985 and a Gold Glove; he was a three-time All-Star
15 and was considered one of the best defensive shortstops of his
16 era; and

17 WHEREAS, Ozzie Guillén became the manager of the Chicago
18 White Sox in 2004 and made history in 2005 as the first
19 Latino-born manager to win a World Series, leading the team to
20 its first championship in 88 years; he managed the Chicago
21 White Sox from 2004 to 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, Ozzie Guillén transitioned into coaching and
2 management after retiring as a player; beyond baseball, he is
3 actively involved in philanthropy; he founded OG13.org, a
4 foundation dedicated to supporting underserved communities
5 through education, sports programs, and social initiatives,
6 focusing on providing resources for youth development,
7 particularly in the Chicago area and Venezuela; and

8 WHEREAS, Ozzie Guillén has worked as a television analyst
9 and commentator since his managerial career, covering MLB and
10 international baseball, and his outspoken and charismatic
11 style has made him a popular figure in baseball media; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 26, 2025, Chicago White Sox fans will
13 celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 2005 World Series
14 victory over the Houston Astros in a four-game sweep, which
15 marked their first World Series championship since 1917;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
19 Oswaldo "Ozzie" Guillén Barrios on his storied career and
20 remarkable achievements, and we wish him continued success in
21 all his future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Ozzie Guillén as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.