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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The game of cricket is a sportsmanship game  
3 played around the world in the open air by tens of millions of  
4 people, especially young people; and

5 WHEREAS, Games similar to cricket were played by early  
6 English settlers in America; these games were driven into  
7 obscurity by the new American sport of baseball, but many  
8 words from cricket are used by baseball players and fans to  
9 this day, such as bat, fielder, and inning; and

10 WHEREAS, Cricket never died out in the countries that make  
11 up the United Kingdom; many of the countries that play  
12 top-level cricket to this day, including Australia,  
13 Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan, are nations that share a  
14 political heritage that includes the game of cricket; and

15 WHEREAS, In the nations that play cricket, the game is  
16 acclaimed as a way to demonstrate skill in both athleticism  
17 and mental poise; calmness and patience are as essential to  
18 the game of cricket as the ability to swing a straight bat; and

19 WHEREAS, The rules of cricket enable the game to be played  
20 and enjoyed by both men and women, and women's cricket is  
21 played all over the world; and

1           WHEREAS, The game of cricket is overwhelmingly associated  
2 with fair play and good sportsmanship; and

3           WHEREAS, Many Illinois residents, especially younger  
4 Illinois residents, were born or have family origins in the  
5 countries, nations, and cultures where cricket is played as a  
6 principal sport; they would like to play this sport in  
7 Illinois and get official recognition as they do so; and

8           WHEREAS, Cricket, typically played at the club level, is a  
9 growing sport in American colleges and universities; and

10          WHEREAS, The time has come when Illinois should add  
11 cricket to the list of sports that Illinois high school-age  
12 students can officially play and enjoy; therefore, be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we urge the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) to take  
16 steps towards officially recognizing the game of cricket in  
17 Illinois; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That this recognition process should move  
19 towards the organization of Illinois inter-school cricket play  
20 for those secondary schools that wish to field a team; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That the organization of Illinois cricket play  
3 should maximize the ability of Illinois-origin cricketers to  
4 continue their play at the college-university level; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That we recognize and congratulate the pioneer  
7 Illinois cricket players who have begun to play this game on  
8 their own prior to the official games that will be played by  
9 their younger brothers and sisters; we urge the IHSA to  
10 recognize the pioneering heritage of Illinois cricket games  
11 played prior to official recognition and regularization of  
12 play; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to  
14 Katy Hasson, President of the Illinois High School  
15 Association, and to Craig Anderson, Executive Director of the  
16 IHSA.