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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Walt Jocketty, former
4 General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals organization, for
5 his many years of dedication to the team; and

6 WHEREAS, Walt Jocketty was named the Vice
7 President/General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals on October
8 14, 1994; in November of 2000 he was promoted to Senior Vice
9 President; he was with the Cardinals until late 2007; he
10 accepted a position as Special Advisor to the Cincinnati Reds
11 in January of 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, He was named General Manager of the Cincinnati
13 Reds on April 23, 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, During his time with St. Louis, he saw the team
15 compile seven National League Division Championships, two
16 National League Championships, and one World Series
17 Championship; the Cardinals had seven straight winning seasons
18 during Mr. Jocketty's time with them, including 100 plus
19 winning seasons 2004 and 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, Walt Jocketty was named the Executive of the Year
21 in Major League Baseball in 2000 and 2004; and

1 WHEREAS, He was responsible for bringing current Manager
2 Tony LaRussa, home-run sensation Mark McGwire, and current
3 baseball stars Albert Pujols, Yadier Molina, Rick Ankiel, Chris
4 Carpenter, and many others into the organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to his time with the Cardinals, he worked at
6 different times for both the Colorado Rockies and the Oakland
7 A's; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 honor Walt Jocketty for his time with the St. Louis Cardinals
11 and wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Walt Jocketty as a symbol of our respect.