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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Charles Comiskey was a skilled baseball player
3 with a knack for business; he played for and managed several
4 professional teams between 1882 and 1894, eventually becoming a
5 full-time ball club owner; by the turn of the 20th century,
6 Charles Comiskey had developed a successful team and moved it
7 to the South Side of Chicago, naming them the White Stockings;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Comiskey racked up over 1,500 hits and 994
10 runs during his playing career with the St. Louis Brown
11 Stockings, Chicago Pirates, and Chicago Reds and accumulated a
12 managing record of 839-542 for the teams; he also served as
13 principal owner of the Chicago White Stockings from 1901 to
14 1931; and

15 WHEREAS, The Chicago White Stockings experienced
16 considerable success in the early part of the 20th century
17 under the ownership of Charles Comiskey, winning 5 American
18 League pennants before Comiskey's death in 1931; Charles
19 Comiskey was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame
20 in 1939 in honor of his many accomplishments; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Comiskey oversaw the building of a new
22 stadium in 1909; the stadium, located at 324 West 35th St. in

1 Chicago and based on a design from Zachary Taylor Davis, was
2 the ballpark where the Chicago White Sox played from 1910 to
3 1990; and

4 WHEREAS, Comiskey Park was exceptionally modern for its
5 time, as the 4th concrete-and-steel stadium in the Major
6 League; as originally built, the ballpark seated 29,000
7 patrons, a record at the time; for some time, the ballpark was
8 known by the nickname "The Baseball Palace of the World"; and

9 WHEREAS, Comiskey Park was the site of 4 World Series, 3
10 all-star games, and more than 6,000 major league games; the
11 ballpark is also the site of countless positive memories for
12 many generations of Illinoisans; and

13 WHEREAS, Comiskey Park hosted its last Major League game on
14 September 30, 1990; at the time of the ballpark's demolition in
15 1991, it was the oldest standing Major League ballpark; and

16 WHEREAS, July 1, 2010 marks the 100th anniversary of the
17 opening of Comiskey Park; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 recognize the 100th anniversary of the famed Comiskey Park and
21 pay our respect to the original owner of the Chicago White Sox,

1 Charles Comiskey, who was fundamental in building the
2 longstanding Major League Baseball club with deep roots in
3 Chicago's South Side; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the current front office of the Chicago White Sox
6 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.