



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING ON THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WRIGLEY FIELD**

**WHEREAS**, since 1916 the Chicago Cubs have captured the hearts of millions of fans in Chicago, Cook County, across the country and around the world by playing baseball at the legendary Wrigley Field located in the heart of Chicago's dynamic Lakeview neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Wrigley Field first opened as Weegham Park on April 23, 1914 and was home to the ChiFeds of the Federal League; and

**WHEREAS**, the Decatur Staleys - known today as the Chicago Bears - played at historic Wrigley Field from 1921 to 1970 before calling Chicago's Soldier Field their permanent home; and

**WHEREAS**, Wrigley Field was the first baseball park to let fans keep foul balls and the first to have a permanent concession stand; the famous Wrigley Field scoreboard, which is manually operated by dedicated staff, was built in 1937 and still remains intact today; and

**WHEREAS**, many of baseball's greatest moments took place at Wrigley Field, including Babe Ruth's "called shot" during Game 3 of the 1932 World Series, Jackie Robinson's first and last games in Chicago as a professional Major League Baseball player, Ernie Banks' 500<sup>th</sup> career home run on May 12, 1970, Pete Rose's 4,191<sup>st</sup> career hit which tied Ty Cobb's record for the most hits in baseball history, Kerry Wood's 20 strike-outs in 1998, home field to Sammy Sosa's 60<sup>th</sup> home runs in 1998, 1999 and 2001; and the 1947, 1963 and 1990 Major League Baseball All-Star Games.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate and honor the Chicago Cubs and their entire organization on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wrigley Field and extend our best wishes on its next 100 years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Cubs.