



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING ORESTES "MINNIE" MIÑOSO'S ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso was a Cuban professional baseball player nicknamed "The Cuban Comet" and "Mr. White Sox" and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2021, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso was born in Perico, Cuba near Havana, the son of Carlos Arrieta and Cecilia Armas, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso played professional baseball as a third baseman in Cuba and in the Negro League where he won the Negro League World Series in 1947 as a member of the New York Cubans over the Cleveland Buckeyes, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso made his major league debut with the Cleveland Indians in April of 1949 and become a member of the Chicago White Sox in 1951, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso became the first Black Cuban player on the White Sox in 1951, hitting a 415-foot home run in Comiskey Park on the first pitch of his first at bat against the New York Yankees, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso became a star player for the Chicago White Sox. Miñoso and was named to the 1951 AL All-Star roster and became known as "Mr. White Sox". Following the 1951 season, he finished second in the AL's Rookie of the Year. Miñoso also finished fourth in the year's Most Valuable Player voting, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso had many years of outstanding play for the Chicago White Sox. He led the AL in steals in both 1952 and 1953 and topped the league with 18 triples and 304 total bases in 1954, appearing in the All-Star Game all three years, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso played for the Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Senators. Over the course of his career Miñoso was awarded three Gold Glove Awards for his stellar defensive play in the outfield, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso ended his career as a nine-time All-Star and finished his career with 2,110 hits and a .299 batting average.

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso often described himself as a "baseball lifer," and was an advocate for the integration of Blacks and Hispanics into the game of Major League Baseball until his passing in March 2015, and

WHEREAS, Orestes "Minnie" Miñoso lived in Chicago where he represented the Chicago White Sox in his later years as "Mr. White Sox." He was elected as member of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, the Mexican Professional Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum Hall of Fame in 2002, and the Cuban Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014. Miñoso was inducted into the Baseball Reliquary's Shrine of the Eternals in 2002, and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to the family and friends Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso on his election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does also hereby offer its congratulations to Chicago White Sox fans and the Chicago White Sox organization on the election of “Mr. White Sox”, Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso, to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the family of Orestes “Minnie” Miñoso and the Chicago White Sox organization to commemorate this event.