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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING THE CHICAGO CUBS FOR THEIR POSITIVE IMPACT ON MAJOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING, THE CACTUS LEAGUE AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the Chicago Cubs have been an integral part of the Cactus
2 League and spring training in Arizona since 1952; and

3 Whereas, as a result of their rich history in our state, the Chicago
4 Cubs have become an adopted treasure of Arizona; and

5 Whereas, the Chicago Cubs have drawn millions of baseball fans to
6 spring training games during this time, both at their facilities and those of
7 other Cactus League teams around Arizona, and have played in eight of the ten
8 highest attendance Cactus League games in history; and

9 Whereas, on average the Chicago Cubs draw nearly twice as many spring
10 training fans as any other Cactus League team, both at their stadium and
11 those of all other teams, providing a significant, reliable economic benefit
12 to the entire state; and

13 Whereas, as the most popular team in the Cactus League, the Cubs have a
14 disproportionate economic and fiscal benefit to Arizona, nearly \$53 million
15 annually over and above any other spring training team; and

16 Whereas, the Chicago Cubs have an annual economic and fiscal impact to
17 the state's economy of more than \$80 million, which supports hotels,
18 restaurants, retail stores and many other businesses; and

19 Whereas, the Chicago Cubs are a nationally and internationally known
20 organization that brings tremendous recognition and value to Arizona; and

21 Whereas, the Chicago Cubs are indeed deserving of appreciation for
22 their many years of sports entertainment and contributions to the Cactus
23 League and the state of Arizona.

24 Therefore

25 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona the House of
26 Representatives concurring:

27 1. That the Members of the Legislature honor the Chicago Cubs for
28 their many years of history in our state and their outstanding contributions
29 to Arizona.

30 2. That the Members of the Legislature recognize the tremendous
31 economic and cultural benefits the Chicago Cubs bring to the entire state of
32 Arizona.

33 3. That the Members of the Legislature realize the importance of the
34 effort to retain the Chicago Cubs as members of the Cactus League, both to
35 the vitality and strength of the league and the Arizona tourism industry.

36 4. That the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this Resolution to
37 the Chicago Cubs.