

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4664, by Representatives Ahern, Serben, Buri, Kretz, Cox, Schindler, McCune, Wood, Ormsby, Crouse and Sump

WHEREAS, Ryne Dee Sandberg was born in Spokane, Washington, on September 18, 1959; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg was a standout athlete in baseball, football, and basketball at North Central High School (the "Indians") in Spokane; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg led the Indians to a 25-3 record and the 1978 state baseball championship game, hitting .417 with 4 home runs his senior season; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the twentieth round of the 1978 major league baseball draft; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg was traded to the Chicago Cubs in 1982, where his unique combination of power and consistency made him one of the greatest second basemen in the history of baseball; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg was a ten-time All-Star and nine-time Gold Glove second baseman; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg is only the tenth player in history to hit at least 250 home runs and steal at least 250 bases; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg holds the major league record for fielding percentage for a second baseman, at .989; and

WHEREAS, Ryne "Ryno" Sandberg became a Cubs legend on June 23, 1984, when he hit two game-tying home runs off All-Star closer Bruce Sutter in the Cubs' extra-innings victory over the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field, evoking the nickname "Baby Ruth" from opposing manager Whitey Herzog, who called it one of the greatest performances he had ever seen; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg gained even more respect and admiration from fans for his willingness to give back to the community through charities and other activities; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on January 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ryne Sandberg is only the second graduate of a Washington high school to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives honor Ryne Sandberg on his long and wonderful career with the Chicago Cubs and thank him for giving so much back to the team's fans and to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Ryne Sandberg.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4664 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 18, 2005

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk