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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 25, 2012

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Together with Aldermen Tunney and Reboyras, I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the legendary Ron Santo.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by ALDERMAN ARIEL REBOYRAS, ALDERMAN TOM TUNNEY
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JULY 25, 2012

Whereas, The Members of this Chamber wish to recognize the induction of legendary third baseman, Ron Santo, into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Era Committee elected Mr. Santo to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on December 5, 2011. He was posthumously inducted on July 22, 2012, having passed away on December 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ron Santo played for the Chicago Cubs from 1960 to 1973 and for the Chicago White Sox in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santo was a nine-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner; he finished in the top 10 in MVP voting four times. During his long career in Major League Baseball, Mr. Santo won numerous awards. Among his batting awards, he ranks in the top three in most hitting categories for third basemen who played between 1950 and 1975. Mr. Santo's 342 home runs rank fourth all-time for third basemen. In addition, Mr. Santo had a lifetime batting average of .277, a lifetime on-base percentage of .362, and a lifetime slugging percentage of .464. He was the first third baseman to hit more than 300 home runs and win five Gold Gloves, a feat since matched only by Hall of Fame inductee Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies. Mr. Santo finished in the National League top 10 in batting average three times, slugging percentage five times, on-base percentage seven times, hits four times, base-on-balls nine times, games played eight times, doubles four times, triples two times, home runs seven times, runs-batted-in eight times, runs scored three times, total bases five times and sacrifice flies seven times; and

WHEREAS, Ron Santo's fielding awards are equally impressive. Mr. Santo holds or shares many fielding awards, including most consecutive games at third base in the National League (364); most years leading the National League in putouts (seven); most years leading the National League in assists (seven straight); most years leading either league in chances (nine); and most years leading either league in double plays (six). Mr. Santo had a lifetime fielding percentage of .954 with 7,144 total chances, 2,100 putouts and 449 double-plays; and

WHEREAS, Ron Santo's stellar baseball career is all the more remarkable given that he was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 18. Playing major league baseball for his entire career with great courage and determination, Mr. Santo never allowed this disease to interfere with his enjoyment of the game and performance on the field. Indeed, he averaged playing in 150 games per year in his fifteen-year career and was never on the Disabled List; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his other honors, Mr. Santo had his number retired by the Chicago Cubs in 2003. Only five other players in Chicago Cubs history have been so honored; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santo will forever be known for his outstanding baseball career, his passionate support for the Chicago Cubs, his tremendous character, his broadcasting style and his great personal courage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fifth day of July, 2012, do hereby congratulate Ron Santo on his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the late Ron Santo as a token of our esteem and good wishes.




MAYOR


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