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98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to proclaim May 1983 as "National Amateur Baseball Month".

Apr. 4, 1983
[H.J. Res. 175]

Whereas the game of baseball having originated in the United States of America; and

Whereas the game of baseball having engendered exceptional interest among the people of this Nation, both as a participant and as a spectator sport, to the extent that it has long been acknowledged as "The National Pastime"; and

Whereas some nineteen million amateur players annually participate in the game of baseball in the United States; and

Whereas many more millions of Americans are spectators each year at amateur baseball games involving players of virtually every age; and

Whereas the game of baseball, while providing wholesome recreational competition, teaches the desirable goals of sportsmanship and teamwork so necessary in developing good citizenship; and

Whereas amateur baseball organizations in the United States have taken the lead in a worldwide effort to obtain recognition of the importance of baseball by the Olympic movement to the extent that the 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles will include baseball; and

Whereas amateur baseball is made possible by the contributions of time, effort, and financial support of countless millions of individuals from a wide range of business, industrial, fraternal, civic, religious, and service organizations of the United States; and

Whereas it is appropriate to honor and to pay tribute to all those associated on the amateur level with the "game of baseball": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of May 1983, be designated "National Amateur Baseball Month", and that

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the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on all Government agencies and upon all the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, so as to testify to the great and significant value of amateur baseball to the American way of life.

Approved April 4, 1983.

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