

H. Res. 198

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 2, 2001.

Whereas Tony Gwynn has a lifetime batting average of .338, 15th on the all-time career leaders list, which includes baseball legends as Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and Tris Speaker;

Whereas Gwynn has 3,127 career hits, and only 16 players have more hits than Gwynn, including Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, and Stan Musial;

Whereas Gwynn is the owner of eight Silver Bats for the eight batting titles he has won, tying him for the National League record with Honus Wagner, with only Ty Cobb of the American League having won more titles;

Whereas among the all-time Padres career leaders, Gwynn is first in batting average, hits, runs batted in, and runs;

Whereas Gwynn has not only proven to be a great hitter but a great defensive player, winning five Gold Glove awards;

Whereas of the 20 seasons Gwynn has played, he has had a batting average of .300 or better in 19 of those seasons;

Whereas throughout his career, Gwynn has been selected to 16 All-Star teams;

Whereas Gwynn has played in two World Series, in 1984 and 1998;

Whereas, in an era when money dominates the game of baseball, Tony Gwynn chose to play in San Diego for the Padres when it was believed that he could have earned more money with another team in another city;

Whereas Gwynn is an example of good sportsmanship, having always conducted himself with dignity, and has been a role model for young people and for all Americans;

Whereas Gwynn has proven himself to be an active leader not only in the clubhouse but also in the community;

Whereas Gwynn and his wife Alicia are philanthropists dedicated to their support for the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparo, the Police Athletic League, the New Haven Home, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations; and

Whereas for his community involvement, Gwynn was named Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and was the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates Tony Gwynn on the announcement of his retirement, honors him for an outstanding career, and thanks him for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

Attest:

Clerk.