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H. RES. 340

In support of baseball as the pastime of the United States and condemning racial slurs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2017

Mr. ESPAILLAT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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and condemning racial slurs.

Whereas baseball is the pastime of the United States, finding its first known initial origins in the United States in 1791;

Whereas the United States is a country of immigrants and its national pastime should be reflective of that;

Whereas baseball has been greatly contributed to by people of many national and ethnic origins;

Whereas the Negro Leagues are an important part of baseball's rich and diverse history;

Whereas the integration of baseball is one of the earliest stories of integration in the United States;

Whereas the sport of baseball is meant to inspire teamwork,
healthy competition, and hometown pride;

Whereas there have been publicly reported incidents involving
individuals directing racial slurs and derogatory remarks
at other fans and players, the most recent of which oc-
curred on May 1, 2017; and

Whereas the sport of baseball is meant to be enjoyed by all
fans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly opposes the use of any derogatory
3 words, racial slurs, or other racially or ethnically in-
4 sensitive acts at professional baseball games;

5 (2) strongly condemns the history of racially
6 motivated taunting at Fenway Park and the history
7 of racially motivated taunting in Major League
8 Baseball;

9 (3) commends the Boston Red Sox management
10 for their quick action and denunciation of the inci-
11 dent involving individuals directing racial slurs and
12 derogatory remarks at other fans and players, which
13 occurred at Fenway Park on May 1, 2017;

14 (4) commends the institutions of Major League
15 Baseball for their denunciation of racial slurs and
16 hateful acts;

17 (5) commends the fans of Boston for their show
18 of support for the visiting player who had been in-
19 sulted in such incident; and

- 1 (6) commends fans of baseball who demonstrate
- 2 tolerance and support for all players.

