

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 37

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 1997

Referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized.

Whereas Little League Baseball Incorporated is a nonprofit membership organization, chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1964 to promote, develop, supervise, and assist youth worldwide in participation in Little League baseball and to instill in youth the spirit and competitive will to win, values of team play, and healthful association with other youth under proper leadership;

Whereas Little League Baseball Incorporated has chartered more than 18,000 local Little League baseball or softball leagues in 85 countries, across 6 continents, through which more than 198,000 teams and 3,000,000 youth worldwide come together in healthy competition, learning

the value of teamwork, individual responsibility, and respect for others;

Whereas Little League Baseball Incorporated provides administrative and other services, including financial assistance from time to time, to such leagues without any obligation to reimburse Little League Baseball Incorporated;

Whereas Little League Baseball Incorporated has established a United States foundation for the advancement and support of Little League baseball in the United States and around the world, and has also created in Poland through its representative, Dr. Creighton Hale, the Poland Little League Baseball Foundation for the construction of Little League baseball facilities and playing fields, in which youth may participate worldwide in international competitions, and is providing all the funds for such construction;

Whereas the efforts of Little League Baseball Incorporated are supported by millions of volunteers worldwide, as parents, league officials, managers, coaches, and auxiliary members and countless volunteer agencies, including sponsors, all of whom give their time and effort without remuneration, in service to others, to advance the goals of Little League Baseball Incorporated and thereby assist the economic transformation of societies worldwide, the improvement in the quality of life of all citizens and the promotion of a civil international community; and

Whereas, as demonstrated by the success of its efforts worldwide, Little League Baseball Incorporated is the largest nongovernmental international youth sports organization in the world and continues to grow: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That (a) it is the sense of the Congress that
3 Little League Baseball Incorporated is international in
4 character and has engendered international goodwill
5 through its worldwide activities, particularly among the
6 youth of the world.

7 (b) The Congress reaffirms that Little League Base-
8 ball Incorporated was established to support and develop
9 Little League baseball worldwide, through the chartering
10 of local leagues and the provision of assistance to such
11 local leagues, through the creation or location of facilities
12 in other countries, and the provision of other support as
13 appropriate, including financial support, without right of
14 reimbursement or repayment.

15 (c) The Congress calls upon the parliamentary bodies
16 and government officials of other nations, particularly
17 those that participate in Little League baseball, to recog-
18 nize and celebrate the international character of Little
19 League baseball.

Passed the Senate October 29, 1997.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.