

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 284

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. BILBRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on  
baseball player Tony Gwynn's 3,000th career base hit.

Whereas on August 6, 1999, Anthony ("Tony") Gwynn, of the San Diego Padres major league baseball organization, hit his 3,000th career base hit;

Whereas the last person in the National League to have 3,000 career base hits was Lou Brock, on August 13, 1979;

Whereas in the history of major league baseball, only 22 other players have 3,000 or more base hits in their careers, including such greats as Roberto Clemente, Rod Carew, and Hank Aaron;

Whereas Tony Gwynn is considered to be one of the greatest major league hitters of the modern era, and was pro-

claimed the “Greatest Hitter Since Ted Williams” by *Sports Illustrated*;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has won eight batting titles, tied for the National League record only with Honus Wagner, and topped only by the American League legend Ty Cobb;

Whereas throughout his career Tony Gwynn has consistently conducted himself with dignity, modesty, and selflessness that has been an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has also distinguished himself off the baseball diamond as an active and valued member of the San Diego community;

Whereas Tony Gwynn, along with his wife Alicia, continue their award-winning philanthropic efforts, and are extremely active in supporting the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparo, Police Athletic League, New Haven Home, Neighborhood House, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations;

Whereas in 1998, Tony Gwynn led all Padres players in community appearances and joined seven-time American League batting champion Rod Carew for a historic youth batting clinic in Culiacán, Mexico, in March 1998; and

Whereas Tony Gwynn was named the Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, as well as the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball’s Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-  
2       gratulates and commends Tony Gwynn of the San Diego

1 Padres for his amazing accomplishments on and off the  
2 baseball field, and thanks him for many years of unsur-  
3 passed baseball excitement.

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