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H. RES. 83

Congratulating Tony Gwynn for his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame, for an outstanding career as an athlete, and for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2007

Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. ISSA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Tony Gwynn for his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame, for an outstanding career as an athlete, and for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

Whereas Tony Gwynn was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on January 9, 2007, for his outstanding accomplishments over his 20-year-career in Major League Baseball;

Whereas he will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on July 29, 2007, along with fellow baseball legend Cal Ripken;

Whereas Gwynn is widely considered one of the greatest hitters in baseball with a lifetime batting average of .338, 18th on the all-time career leaders list, which includes

baseball legends as Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and Tris Speaker;

Whereas Gwynn has 3,141 career hits, and only 17 players have more hits than Gwynn, including Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, and Stan Musial;

Whereas Gwynn is the owner of 8 Silver Bats for the 8 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 throughout his career, Gwynn has been selected to 16 All-Star teams and 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 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;

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;

Whereas, after his distinguished career in baseball, Gwynn chose to give back to the community by returning to his alma mater to coach the San Diego State University Aztecs; and

Whereas Gwynn was named the Mountain West Conference Baseball Coach of the Year in 2004, after leading the Aztecs to a conference title in only his second season as manager: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
2 gratulates Tony Gwynn for his election to the Baseball
3 Hall of Fame, honors him for an outstanding career as
4 an athlete, and thanks him for his contributions to base-
5 ball and to his community.

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