

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Supporting Minor League Baseball, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting Minor League Baseball, and for other purposes.

Whereas 40 million plus fans have attended Minor League
Baseball games each season for 15 consecutive years;

Whereas Minor League Baseball provides wholesome afford-
able entertainment in 160 communities throughout the
country;

Whereas, in 2018, Minor League Baseball clubs donated over
\$45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to their local com-
munities and completed over 15,000 volunteer hours;

Whereas the economic stimulus and development provided by
Minor League Baseball clubs extends beyond the cities
and towns where it is played, to wide and diverse geo-
graphic areas comprising 80 percent of the population in
the Nation;

Whereas Minor League Baseball is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion through its Copa de la Diversión, MiLB Pride, FIELD Program, and Women in Baseball Leadership initiatives;

Whereas Minor League Baseball is the first touchpoint of the national pastime for millions of youth and the only touchpoint for those located in communities far from Major League cities;

Whereas Congress has enacted numerous statutory exemptions and immunities to preserve and sustain a system for Minor League Baseball and its relationship with Major League Baseball;

Whereas abandonment of 42 Minor League Baseball clubs by Major League Baseball would devastate communities, bond purchasers, and other stakeholders that rely on the economic stimulus these clubs provide;

Whereas Minor League Baseball clubs enrich the lives of millions of Americans each year through special economic, social, cultural, and charitable contributions; and

Whereas preservation of Minor League Baseball in 160 communities is in the public interest, as it will continue to provide affordable, family friendly entertainment to those communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the preservation of Minor League
3 Baseball in 160 American communities;

4 (2) recognizes the unique social, economic, and
5 historic contributions that Minor League Baseball
6 has made to American life and culture; and

1 (3) encourages continuation of the 117-year
2 foundation of the Minor Leagues in 160 commu-
3 nities through continued affiliations with Major
4 League Baseball.