

## House Resolution 1244

By: Representatives Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, O'Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Ramsey of the 72<sup>nd</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bobby Cox for his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and  
2 inviting Mr. Cox to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bobby Cox was born on May 21, 1941, and he is a former Major League  
4 Baseball third baseman and manager; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox was unanimously elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the  
6 Veterans Committee, and his induction ceremony will be held on July 27, 2014, in  
7 Cooperstown, New York; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox began his managerial career in the Yankees farm system in 1971; and

9 WHEREAS, between managerial stints with Toronto and his second with Atlanta, Mr. Cox  
10 served as Braves general manager from October, 1985, through October, 1990; in that role,  
11 he oversaw the groundwork for Atlanta's subsequent success by accumulating talented  
12 players, including Tom Glavine, Steve Avery, Pete Smith, and David Justice; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox is responsible for elevating the Braves to unprecedented heights; under  
14 his leadership, the Braves won five National League championships and the 1995 World  
15 Series; and

16 WHEREAS, under his direction, in 1980, the Braves finished fourth with their first record  
17 above .500 since 1974; in 1991, the Braves became one of two teams to go from last place  
18 to first place from one year to the next; and in 1995, the Braves won the World Series  
19 championship over the Cleveland Indians; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox is among the top five on the all-time major league wins list; he ranks  
21 fourth on the Baseball All-Time Managerial Wins list with 2,504 wins, including a

22 franchise-record of 2,149 wins with the Atlanta Braves, which he managed to a record 14  
23 consecutive division titles through 2005; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has earned many achievements; he is a two-time World Series winning  
25 champion and four-time recipient of Manager of the Year; he is one of only four managers  
26 to have won the award in both the American and National league; he also the only person to  
27 have won the award for consecutive years; Mr. Cox has also been named Manager of the  
28 Year by *The Sporting News* eight times; and he also holds the all-time record for ejections  
29 in Major League Baseball with 158, plus an additional three post-season ejections; and

30 WHEREAS, on August 12, 2011, Mr. Cox was inducted into the Atlanta Braves Hall of  
31 Fame, and his number six jersey was retired; and

32 WHEREAS, at the age of 72, Mr. Cox retired after the 2010 season, his 29th as a manager,  
33 including 25 in two stints with the Braves.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Bobby Cox for being inducted into the National Baseball  
36 Hall of Fame, invite Mr. Cox to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and  
37 time designated by the Speaker of the House, and recognize Mr. Cox for his unyielding  
38 commitment to the game of baseball.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bobby Cox.