

House Resolution 474

By: Representatives Wade of the 9th, Cox of the 28th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Powell of the 33rd,
Martinez of the 111th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct former Atlanta Braves
2 player Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dale Murphy spent 14 of his 18 years in major league baseball with the Atlanta
4 Braves, and he is one of only 11 players in baseball history to have played in 740 consecutive
5 games; and

6 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, he twice received the National League Most
7 Valuable Player Award, was a four-time recipient of the Silver Slugger Award and a
8 five-time Gold Glove Award winner, and was selected to the National League All-Star Team
9 seven times; and

10 WHEREAS, his career statistics include a .265 batting average with 2,111 hits, 398 home
11 runs, and 1,266 runs batted in; and

12 WHEREAS, perhaps the most idealized and beloved baseball player of the 1980s, Dale
13 Murphy also earned recognition and distinction off the field for his consistent support of
14 numerous charities in the community and for the example he set as a faithful and loving
15 husband and father; and

16 WHEREAS, a hero to millions of children around the nation, he strove to live up to the
17 image his fans expected of him; he was always the last player to leave the field, making
18 certain that he gave an autograph to every kid waiting to meet him; and

19 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has earned his well-deserved reputation for athletic
20 achievement by performing with initiative and precision during his time on the baseball field;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, his dedication to the sport of baseball, along with his exceptional work ethic and
23 competitive spirit, have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and have given
24 inspiration to many; and

25 WHEREAS, despite his distinguished 18-year career and many wonderful accomplishments,
26 Dale Murphy has yet to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body urge the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct
29 former Atlanta Braves player Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in
30 recognition of his exemplary baseball career and his immensely positive impact on the sport.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 public and the press.