

Senate Resolution 435

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Kennedy of the 18th, Esteves of the 6th, Parent of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ronald Acuña Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr. won the 2023 National League Most Valuable Player award
3 and led the Atlanta Braves to 104 wins in 2023 as well as a sixth consecutive National
4 League East title; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr.'s combination of power hitting and speed created a
6 record-setting 2023, which saw him become the first player in the 154-year history of
7 professional baseball to hit 40 home runs and steal 70 bases in a single season; and
- 8 WHEREAS, prior to Ronald Acuña Jr.'s 40/70 season, only four players in baseball history
9 had hit 40 home runs and stolen 40 bases in a single season; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr. was born December 18, 1997, in La Guaira, Venezuela; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr. signed with the Atlanta Braves as an international free agent
12 in 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2018, Ronald Acuña Jr. was named baseball's top prospect by the respected
14 publication *Baseball America*, which specializes in evaluating baseball's future stars; and

15 WHEREAS, since making his Major League Baseball (MLB) debut in 2018, Ronald Acuña
16 Jr. has consistently been one of MLB's finest players, having been selected to three All-MLB
17 teams and awarded the 2018 Rookie of the Year award; and

18 WHEREAS, in recognition of his incredible and precedent setting offensive performance in
19 2023, Ronald Acuña Jr. won the 2023 National League Hank Aaron Award for being the best
20 hitter in the National League; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr.'s exciting and dynamic play will continue making the Atlanta
22 Braves a force in Major League Baseball; and

23 WHEREAS, Ronald Acuña Jr. is a proud father of two sons, Ronald and Jamal; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting that Ronald Acuña Jr.'s outstanding accomplishments
25 and contributions to the State of Georgia be recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Ronald Acuña Jr. for his record-setting athletic performance in 2023
28 as well as his dedication to the State of Georgia and the Atlanta Braves.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ronald Acuña Jr.