

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 309

Introduced by Hughes, 44.

WHEREAS, Bill Cotton will be posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame on February 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bill was born on October 20, 1947, to Thomas and Anne Cotton of McCook; and

WHEREAS, Bill made the Legion team at the age of 12 but was not allowed to play because of his youth. Bill later earned honors as an all star catcher on the North Platte team; and

WHEREAS, Bill chose to play baseball for college powerhouse Arizona State University, despite being selected in the fourth round of the major league draft right out of high school and being recruited by Bob Devaney to play football for the Cornhuskers; and

WHEREAS, the All-American catcher hit a three-run homer to help the Sun Devils win the national championship in the 1969 College World Series in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Bill was chosen by the New York Mets in the first round of the 1969 supplemental draft and played six seasons in the minor leagues for teams in Iowa, Florida, California, Tennessee, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame recognizes baseball players for outstanding play in the towns and villages across Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the family of Bill Cotton on his induction into the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Tom Cotton in honor of his brother and to the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame.