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**H. C. R. No. 18**

**Representatives Kuhns, Sheehy**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Brinkman, Dever, Driehaus, Reece**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to  
remove Peter Edward "Pete" Rose from Major League  
Baseball's permanently ineligible list as soon as  
possible, and to urge the Baseball Writers'  
Association of America and the National Baseball  
Hall of Fame to include Rose on the Hall of Fame  
ballot.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Peter Edward "Pete" Rose is the all-time leader  
in hits, at bats, and games played in Major League Baseball,  
and is the only Major League Baseball player to play more  
than 500 games at five different positions; and

WHEREAS, Rose is a seventeen-time Major League Baseball  
All Star, is the only player to be an All Star at five  
different positions, and is the winner of two Gold Gloves,  
the Rookie of the Year award, three batting titles, a Most  
Valuable Player award, and three World Series titles, two  
with the Cincinnati Reds and one with the Philadelphia  
Phillies; and

WHEREAS, Rose managed the Cincinnati Reds beginning in

1984 until 1989, compiling a record of 426-388, the fifth 20  
most wins by a manager in Reds history; and 21

WHEREAS, On August 24, 1989, Rose voluntarily accepted a 22  
permanent place on Major League Baseball's ineligible list in 23  
response to a Major League Baseball investigation concerning 24  
his gambling activities, including gambling on baseball 25  
games. The investigation did not produce any evidence that 26  
Rose gambled against the Reds while he was the manager of the 27  
team; and 28

WHEREAS, Under Major League Baseball rules, Rose was 29  
eligible to apply for reinstatement on or after August 24, 30  
1990. Rose applied for reinstatement in 1992, but Major 31  
League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent refused to act on 32  
the application; and 33

WHEREAS, The 2015 Major League Baseball All-Star Game is 34  
being held at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, which is 35  
the city where Rose spent a majority of his playing career 36  
and his entire managing career. In previous All Star Games, a 37  
living legend from the home team represents the team and has 38  
acted as a host to the baseball community; and 39

WHEREAS, Even though Rose is widely regarded as one of 40  
the most recognizable members of the Cincinnati Reds of all 41  
time, he is prohibited from taking part in any baseball- 42  
related activities, including anything associated with the 43  
All Star Game; and 44

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2015, Rose applied to Major League 45  
Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred for reinstatement; now 46  
therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 48  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Robert Manfred, the 49  
Commissioner of Major League Baseball, to remove Peter Edward 50

"Pete" Rose from Major League Baseball's permanently 51  
ineligible list as soon as possible; and be it further 52

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 53  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Baseball Writers' 54  
Association of America and the National Baseball Hall of Fame 55  
to include Pete Rose on the next Hall of Fame ballot; and be 56  
it further 57

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 58  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to 59  
Major League Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred, the 60  
Baseball Writers' Association of America, the National 61  
Baseball Hall of Fame, and the news media of Ohio. 62