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S. C. R. No. 18

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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to 1
remove Peter Edward "Pete" Rose from Major League 2
Baseball's permanently ineligible list as soon as 3
possible, and to urge the Baseball Writers' 4
Association of America and the National Baseball Hall 5
of Fame to include Rose on the Hall of Fame ballot. 6

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

WHEREAS, Peter Edward "Pete" Rose is the all-time leader in 7
hits, at bats, and games played in Major League Baseball, and is 8
the only Major League Baseball player to play more than 500 9
games at five different positions; and 10

WHEREAS, Rose is a seventeen-time Major League Baseball All 11
Star, is the only player to be an All Star at five different 12
positions, and is the winner of two Gold Gloves, the Rookie of 13
the Year award, three batting titles, a Most Valuable Player 14
award, and three World Series titles, two with the Cincinnati 15
Reds and one with the Philadelphia Phillies; and 16

WHEREAS, Rose managed the Cincinnati Reds beginning in 1984 17
until 1989, compiling a record of 426-388, the fifth most wins 18
by a manager in Reds history; and 19

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

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

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2015, Rose applied to Major League Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred for reinstatement, but the Commissioner denied the request on December 14, 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Robert Manfred, 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 be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Baseball Writers' Association of America and the National Baseball Hall of Fame to include Pete Rose on the next Hall of Fame ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Major League Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred, the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and the news media of Ohio.