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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of Little
2 League Baseball.

3 WHEREAS, Little League Baseball is celebrating the 75th
4 anniversary of its 1939 founding by local resident Carl Stotz in
5 Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, The league commenced with three teams of ten players
7 each, with each team benefiting from the sponsorship of a
8 separate local business and with all teams enjoying the support
9 of parents and volunteers; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 6, 1939, the first official Little League
11 Baseball game was played in Williamsport; and

12 WHEREAS, Little League players range from 4 to 18 years of
13 age; and

1 WHEREAS, The theme of the 75th anniversary celebration is
2 "Little League, Big Legacy, Developing Major League People for
3 75 Years"; and

4 WHEREAS, Little League's motto of "Courage, Character and
5 Loyalty" uses values that reflect the heart of the organization
6 and are exemplified in its coaches, players, volunteers and
7 alumni; and

8 WHEREAS, Little League seeks to develop good citizens by
9 instilling in its players the importance of sportsmanship,
10 discipline, fair play and teamwork and by promoting strong
11 community relationships and involvement through volunteerism
12 among its adult participants; and

13 WHEREAS, For the first ten years of the league's existence,
14 most of the baseball games were played in the greater
15 Williamsport area; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1947, Little League's first World Series was
17 played, as the league had begun to expand after World War II;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 1957, with Little League having expanded
20 internationally, Monterrey, Mexico, produced the first team from
21 beyond the borders of the United States to win the Little League
22 World Series; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1974, girls were formally permitted to play
24 Little League Baseball and the Little League organization
25 launched its first softball division; and

26 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Little League Challenger Division was
27 created to give children with physical and developmental
28 challenges the opportunity to play baseball and softball; and

29 WHEREAS, In 1992, the first Little League Baseball World
30 Series night game was played; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2011, the 31-game Little League Baseball World
2 Series total attendance was 410,905, which set a new attendance
3 record for the event; and

4 WHEREAS, Each summer across the United States, Little League
5 Baseball organizes nine divisions of play that all conclude with
6 their own World Series; and

7 WHEREAS, The oldest of these World Series is the Little
8 League Baseball World Series played at the Little League
9 International Complex, which is spread across 72 acres in South
10 Williamsport; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014, Little League Baseball and Softball is the
12 world's largest organized youth sports program, with 2.4 million
13 boys and girls as players, and one million adult volunteers in
14 all 50 states and 83 countries; and

15 WHEREAS, For 75 years, Little League has provided communities
16 around the world the opportunity for families to connect and for
17 children to come together in a healthy, safe environment to
18 learn the values of team sports and the fundamentals of baseball
19 and softball; and

20 WHEREAS, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is known worldwide as
21 the Home of Little League Baseball; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
23 75th anniversary of Little League Baseball; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer, Little
26 League International, 539 U.S. Route 15 Hwy, P.O. Box 3485,
27 Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701-0485.