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H. RES. 902

Recognizing and honoring the life of Jose Fernandez.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. CURBELO of Florida (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. WALZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the life of Jose Fernandez.

Whereas Jose Fernandez was born in Santa Clara, Cuba, on July 31, 1992;

Whereas Jose Fernandez attempted to escape Cuba on four separate occasions and was imprisoned by the Cuban Government for doing so;

Whereas during one of his attempts to escape Cuba, Jose Fernandez saved the life of his mother by diving into the water to rescue her after she fell into the Yucatan channel;

Whereas Jose Fernandez came to the United States on April 5, 2008;

Whereas Jose Fernandez was a graduate of Braulio Alonso High School in Tampa, Florida;

Whereas Jose Fernandez was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the first round of the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft as the 14th overall selection;

Whereas Jose Fernandez signed with the Marlins on August 15, 2011;

Whereas Jose Fernandez started his first Major League Baseball game on April 7, 2013;

Whereas Jose Fernandez won the 2013 National League Rookie of the Year award;

Whereas, in 2013, after more than 5 years and with the help of the Marlins, Jose Fernandez was reunited with his grandmother, whom he called the love of his life;

Whereas Jose Fernandez became a United States citizen on April 24, 2015;

Whereas Jose Fernandez was a 2-time All-Star, with a career record of 38 wins, 17 losses, 589 strikeouts, and a 2.58 earned run average;

Whereas Jose Fernandez gave back to his community through charities such as Live Like Bella, the Marlins Foundation, and the Marlins Ayudan;

Whereas, on September 25, 2016, Jose Fernandez died in a tragic boating accident with two of his friends, Emilio Macias and Eduardo Rivero;

Whereas Emilio Macias and Eduardo Rivero graduated from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School in Miami, Florida;

Whereas Jose Fernandez, through his hard work, devotion, and optimism, brought great joy to his family, especially his mother and grandmother;

Whereas Jose Fernandez's pursuit of the American dream was a great source of pride for the Cuban exile community of the United States; and

Whereas Jose Fernandez came to embody the American dream and was a great source of pride for the Cuban exile community of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the life and accomplishments of Jose
3 Fernandez;

4 (2) offers heartfelt condolences to—

5 (A) the family, friends, loved ones, and
6 teammates of Jose Fernandez; and

7 (B) the family and friends of Emilio
8 Macias and Eduardo Rivero;

9 (3) commends the significant contributions that
10 Jose Fernandez made, on and off the baseball field,
11 to—

12 (A) the City of Tampa, Florida;

13 (B) the City of Miami, Florida; and

14 (C) the State of Florida; and

1 (4) recognizes the memory of Jose Fernandez
2 as an inspiration for all who seek freedom and a bet-
3 ter life in the United States.

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