

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 786

Recognizing the history of women’s professional baseball in Indiana.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Mr. BRAUN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the history of women’s professional baseball in
Indiana.

Whereas the All American Girls Professional Baseball League
(referred to as the “League”) has significant history in
Indiana and the History Museum in South Bend holds
the largest collection of memorabilia from the League;

Whereas the League was established during World War II to
provide a morale boost and family entertainment to aid
in the war effort and gained popularity throughout the
1940s;

Whereas, in 1943, South Bend, Indiana became the fourth
city to have a team competing in the League, the first

women's professional baseball league in the history of the United States;

Whereas South Bend was home to the Blue Sox for all 12 years of the existence of the League and the Blue Sox played at Bendix Field and Playland Park in South Bend, Indiana;

Whereas Fort Wayne was eager to bring a team to the city and the Fort Wayne Daisies debuted in 1945, with games held at North Side High School and later Memorial Park in Fort Wayne;

Whereas the South Bend Blue Sox were both the League and playoff champions for the 1951 season and were the playoff champions for the 1952 season;

Whereas the Fort Wayne Daisies were the league champions for the 1952, 1953, and 1954 seasons;

Whereas Dorothy "Dottie" Schroeder was the only woman who played all 12 seasons in the League and became a favorite player of fans of the South Bend Blue Sox, the Kenosha Comets, the Fort Wayne Daisies, and the Kalamazoo Lassies;

Whereas the 1992 American sports comedy-drama film about the League, "A League of Their Own" was partially filmed in Indiana and was added to the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress in 2012;

Whereas scenes from "A League of Their Own" of home games of the Rockford Peaches were filmed at League Stadium in Huntingburg, Indiana; and

Whereas the championship game between Rockford and Racine in "A League of Their Own" was filmed at Bosse Field in Evansville, Indiana, which is the third oldest baseball park in the country still in use for professional

baseball, behind only Fenway Park and Wrigley Field:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes that Indiana played a significant
3 role in the history of the All American Girls Profes-
4 sional Baseball League during the existence of the
5 league through the successful teams in Indiana: the
6 South Bend Blue Sox and the Fort Wayne Daisies;
7 and

8 (2) encourages people throughout Indiana to
9 continue to honor and recognize the history and leg-
10 acy of women’s professional baseball through preser-
11 vation of memorabilia, facilities, and events that
12 highlight the era of such professional athletes.

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