

H. Res. 247

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 2, 2001.

Whereas Cal Ripken, Jr., played in 2,632 consecutive Major League Baseball games and holds the all-time record for consecutive games played by a Major League player, shattering Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130;

Whereas Ripken has over 3,000 career hits and ranks 14th on the all-time hit list;

Whereas Ripken is 1 of only 7 players to have 400 home runs and 3,000 hits in a career;

Whereas Ripken was an All-Star 19 times in his Major League career, twice winning Most Valuable Player of the All-Star Game;

Whereas Ripken was named to Major League Baseball's All-Century Team;

Whereas Ripken has won 2 Golden Gloves and 2 Most Valuable Player awards;

Whereas Ripken played all 21 of his Major League seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, choosing to stay with his team in an era dominated by free agency;

Whereas at one point during his career with the Orioles, Ripken's brother Bill Ripken was also playing for the team, and his father, Cal Ripken, Sr., was managing;

Whereas Ripken has been a model citizen for Harford County, Maryland, and the Baltimore City metropolitan area while contributing millions of dollars and countless hours to community projects;

Whereas Ripken and his wife Kelly have led their community in projects ranging from battling illiteracy to helping inner-city youth through various foundations, including the Kelly and Cal Ripken, Jr., Foundation, the Baltimore Reads Ripken Learning Center, and the Reading, Runs, and Ripken program; and

Whereas Ripken has pledged \$9,000,000 for the construction of a baseball facility in Harford County, Maryland, which includes 6 baseball fields, recreational facilities, and dormitories: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors Cal Ripken, Jr., for an outstanding career, congratulates him on his retirement, and thanks him for his contributions to baseball, to the State of Maryland, and to the Nation.

Attest:

Clerk.