

## **H. Res. 482**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*July 16, 2002.*

Whereas Theodore Samuel Williams served his country with honor and distinction as a Naval Aviator during World War II and as a Marine fighter pilot during the Korean War;

Whereas Ted Williams, during his service in the Marines during the Korean War, flew on 39 combat missions and earned an Air Medal and two Gold Stars;

Whereas Ted Williams' exploits while playing baseball with the Boston Red Sox from 1939–1960 led to him being referred to as “the greatest hitter who ever lived”;

Whereas during his career with the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams had 2,654 total hits, 521 home runs, and a lifetime batting average of .344, despite losing almost five full seasons to military service;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams hit for an average of .406 in 1941 and is the last major league baseball player to hit for an average above .400;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams led the American League in batting six times, in slugging percentage nine times, in total bases six times, and in runs scored six times;

Whereas as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams won two Triple Crowns, was twice named the Most Valuable Player of the American League, was chosen as an American League All-Star 16 times, and was named the player of the decade for the 1950's;

Whereas Ted Williams had a career on-base percentage of .481, the highest in the history of the major leagues;

Whereas Ted Williams was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966; and

Whereas Ted Williams provided invaluable assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through his efforts on behalf of and support for the Jimmy Fund in order to help eradicate cancer in children: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the outstanding accomplishments of Ted Williams and ex-
- 3 presses its deepest sympathies and condolences to the fam-
- 4 ily of Ted Williams on his passing.

Attest:

*Clerk.*