

H. Res. 501

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 30, 2007.

Whereas Craig Biggio has reached 3,000 base hits as a Major League Baseball player and all while playing for the Houston Astros with an unmatched hustle and work ethic;

Whereas Craig Biggio is only the 27th player in Major League Baseball history to reach this historic milestone, joining such baseball greats as Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Tony Gwynn, Cal Ripken Jr., and Ty Cobb;

Whereas Craig Biggio is not only a member of the exclusive 3,000 hit club, but also holds the Major League record for most games played with one team at 2,768 and counting over the past 20 seasons;

Whereas Craig Biggio is 7th all-time in Major League Baseball with 653 doubles and should move into 5th place by the end of the current season;

Whereas Craig Biggio holds the Astros career records for games played, at-bats, runs scored, hits, doubles, and extra-base hits;

Whereas Craig Biggio is a tireless leader in the community for charitable causes, serving for the last decade as lead spokesperson for Sunshine Kids, which is an organization that supports children fighting cancer and their families;

Whereas Craig Biggio and his wife Patti have helped to raise nearly \$2,000,000 dollars for Sunshine Kids and have impacted numerous cancer-stricken families throughout the Houston area by leading fun activities like attending Houston Astros, Rockets, and Texan games and The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo;

Whereas Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane, Jr. recently stated, “No one has meant more to our community development than Craig and Patty Biggio.”; and

Whereas Craig Biggio has been honored with many awards to recognize his distinguished contributions to the sport of baseball and to the community, including the Hutch Award in 2005 for resilience and always showing a fighting competitive spirit, and being named one of Sporting News’ Good Guys in 2004 for all his community service work off the field: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros for reaching 3,000 base hits as a Major League Baseball player;

(2) recognizes his outstanding service to the community through his charitable work and dedication to the Houston Astros organization; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Craig

Biggio of the Houston Astros and to Astros team owner
Mr. Drayton McLane, Jr. for appropriate display.

Attest:

Clerk.