

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1425

Recognizing pitcher Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers for pitching a near-perfect game, declaring that Galarraga pitched a perfect game, and urging Major League Baseball to overturn the mistaken safe call by the umpire that spoiled the perfect game.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2010

Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. SCHAUER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. UPTON, Mr. McCOTTER, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CAMP, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. EHLERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing pitcher Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers for pitching a near-perfect game, declaring that Galarraga pitched a perfect game, and urging Major League Baseball to overturn the mistaken safe call by the umpire that spoiled the perfect game.

Whereas, on June 2, 2010, Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga pitched a near-perfect game in a win against the Cleveland Indians, with a final score of three to nothing at Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan;

Whereas Galarraga threw $8\frac{2}{3}$ innings against the Indians without giving up a hit, a walk, or an error;

Whereas in the ninth inning of the game and with two outs, Jason Donald of the Indians hit a ground ball that was fielded by Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera, who threw the ball to Galarraga at first base;

Whereas Galarraga caught the ball thrown by Cabrera and stepped on first base before Donald reached the bag;

Whereas first-base umpire Jim Joyce mistakenly ruled that Donald was safe, causing what would have been Galarraga's twenty-seventh consecutive out to be recorded as a hit;

Whereas if the umpire had not made that mistaken ruling, Galarraga's performance would have qualified as the first perfect game in Tigers history and the twenty-first perfect game in Major League Baseball (MLB) history;

Whereas the performance of the Tigers demonstrated dedication and loyalty to their teammates and to the more than 17,000 fans in the stands that night;

Whereas Joyce has since apologized to Galarraga, conceding that he missed the call and declaring that he "cost the kid a perfect game";

Whereas MLB only permits the review of a video replay during a game to determine whether a batted ball is a home run, prohibiting the use of replay to review the twenty-seventh out in this case;

Whereas MLB Commissioner Bud Selig has the authority to reverse the umpire's mistaken call; and

Whereas MLB has previously corrected a mistake made by an umpire during a regular season game after the game has ended, including when the American League overturned a call by umpire Tim McClelland during a game commonly referred to as the "Pine Tar Game" between the

Kansas City Royals and the New York Yankees, on July 24, 1983: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Detroit Tigers Pitcher Armando
3 Galarraga for pitching a near-perfect game;

4 (2) declares that Galarraga pitched a perfect
5 game, the first in Detroit Tigers franchise history;
6 and

7 (3) urges Major League Baseball to overturn
8 the mistaken safe call by the umpire that spoiled
9 Galarraga's perfect game.

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