

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 189

Recognizing and honoring Harmon Killebrew and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2011

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. FRANKEN)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Harmon Killebrew and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas Harmon Clayton Killebrew was born on June 29, 1936, in Payette, Idaho;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew earned multiple awards as an athlete in baseball, basketball, and football while at Payette High School;

Whereas at the age of 17, Harmon Killebrew signed his first professional baseball contract with the Washington Senators;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew credits then-United States Senator from the State of Idaho, Herman Welker, with recommending to the Griffith family, then-Washington Sen-

ators owners, that the Washington Senators sign Killebrew;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew played his first 7 seasons of professional baseball in Washington, D.C. before moving with the Washington Senators franchise to the State of Minnesota in 1961, where the team was renamed the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew played 14 seasons with the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew hit the longest home run in the history of Metropolitan Stadium, which hit a seat located 520 feet from home plate that the Twins later painted red in honor of that historic shot;

Whereas while with the Minnesota Twins, Harmon Killebrew made the All-Star Team in 10 different seasons and competed in the 1965 World Series, where the Minnesota Twins fell in 7 games to the Los Angeles Dodgers;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew earned the American League's Most Valuable Player award in 1969 when he led the league in both home runs and runs batted in;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew retired from professional baseball in 1975, after playing 1 season with the Kansas City Royals;

Whereas uniform number 3, which Harmon Killebrew wore while with the Minnesota Twins, has been retired by the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas as of 2011, Harmon Killebrew, with 573 career home runs, ranks 11th highest on the all-time career home run list of Major League Baseball;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew remained active in many important charitable efforts following the conclusion of his playing career;

Whereas in 1977, Harmon Killebrew joined with Ralph Harding, a former United States Representative from the State of Idaho, in founding the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Danny Thompson, Harmon Killebrew's former Minnesota Twins teammate who died as a result of leukemia in 1976; and

Whereas the efforts of Harmon Killebrew in support of the annual Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament in the State of Idaho generated more than \$25,000,000 for leukemia and cancer research at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise, Idaho and the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes Harmon Killebrew as one of the  
3       greatest professional baseball players of all time;

4               (2) honors Harmon Killebrew for his charitable  
5       efforts to support leukemia and cancer research; and

6               (3) extends the deepest condolences of the Sen-  
7       ate to the family of Harmon Killebrew.

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