

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 143

Honoring the 75th anniversary of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL).

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. KEATING) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the 75th anniversary of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL).

Whereas the manpower demands of World War II forced many minor league baseball teams to disband as players were drafted, resulting in a dearth of minor league teams by late 1942;

Whereas Major League Baseball teams were warned, in late 1942, by the Federal Government that increased manpower mobilization could result in the canceling of the 1943 baseball season, threatening to shutter Major League Baseball parks across the country;

Whereas the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) was established, and spring training for the

AAGPBL started on May 17, 1943, to address the shortages of baseball players;

Whereas during its tenure (1943–1954), the AAGPBL provided over 600 women the chance to play professional baseball, an opportunity never before afforded to female athletes in America;

Whereas Penny Marshall’s film, “A League of Their Own”, familiarized millions of Americans with the history of the AAGPBL; and

Whereas at least 29 women from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts played in the AAGPBL, including Noella Leduc Alverson, Rita Briggs, Patricia Brown, Jean Buckley, Cynthia Esposito, Normine Capritta, Joan Tysver Chiancola, Clara Chiano, Patricia Courtney, Mary Dailey, Alice DeCambra, Madeline English, Annie Gosbee, Dorothy Green, Josephine Hasham, Lillian DeCambra Kelley, Marie Mansfield Kelley, Helen Ketola LaCamera, Rhoda Leonard Linehan, Marie Eileen Albright Lockhart, Georgette Vincent Mooney, Helen Nordquist, Beatrice Arbour Parrott, Katherine Pechulis, Lucille Stone Richards, Grace Rogato, Mary Sheehan, Barbara Parks Young, Sue Parsons Zipay, and Mary Pratt of Quincy, who is celebrating her 100th birthday this year: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress honors the 75th anniversary
- 3 of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
- 4 (AAGPBL).

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