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1ST SESSION

H. RES. 461

Congratulating the 1969 New York Mets on the 50th Anniversary of their
World Series victory.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2019

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. ENGEL) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Over-
sight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the 1969 New York Mets on the 50th
Anniversary of their World Series victory.

Whereas the New York Mets, having proudly represented the
State of New York in professional baseball since 1962,
won their first World Series title in 1969;

Whereas the 1969 New York Mets masterfully managed to
defeat the intimidating American League Champion Bal-
timore Orioles, led by the fearsome Robinson duo of
Frank and Brooks, in 5 games;

Whereas the 1969 New York Mets somehow swept an Atlanta
Braves team led by Hammerin' Hank Aaron to win their
first National League Championship;

Whereas the 1969 New York Mets bested the Chicago Cubs led by 3 future Hall-of-Famers to win the Eastern Division;

Whereas the 1969 New York Mets' victory was so unexpected they came to be nicknamed the "Miracle Mets";

Whereas the success of the 1969 New York Mets gave a struggling city a much needed opportunity to celebrate;

Whereas a country struggling through the Vietnam war was given optimism by the characters that were the 1969 New York Mets;

Whereas ex-Marines Tom "The Franchise" Seaver and Gil Hodges steeled the team through thick and thin to bring a championship to a city in desperate need;

Whereas the slugging of the likes of Ed Kranepool, Art Shamsky, Ron Swoboda, Cleon Jones, and Donn Clendenon led the unrivaled offense of the 1969 New York Mets;

Whereas the arms of the likes of Tom "The Franchise" Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Nolan Ryan, Jim McAndrew, Tug McGraw, and Gary Gentry worked to overpower hitters for the 1969 New York Mets;

Whereas the leadership of Gil Hodges of the 1969 New York Mets will forever be unrivaled in Major League Baseball history;

Whereas fifty years later the effect of the 1969 New York Mets on the city of New York, the State of New York, and the entire country has not been forgotten; and

Whereas the 1969 New York Mets continue to serve as a reminder of why baseball will forever be America's Pastime: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 1969 New York Mets for
3 their distinguished history, contributions to the base-
4 ball world, and their ability to unite a city, State,
5 and country;

6 (2) congratulates the 1969 New York Mets on
7 the fifty-year anniversary of their World Series
8 championship;

9 (3) recognizes the contributions of the players,
10 coaches, and leadership of the 1969 New York Mets;
11 and

12 (4) joins with all the people in the United
13 States and baseball fans everywhere in celebrating
14 the New York Mets' fifty-year anniversary of their
15 first World Series championship.

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