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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the 2022 World Series Champions—the Houston Astros—and the team’s dedicated, iconic manager, Dusty Baker, as well as all of the team’s outstanding players who have contributed to making history and proving that anything is possible.

Whereas the Houston Astros are a preeminent professional baseball team with a rich history that was founded in 1962 as the “Houston Colt .45s” before becoming the Astros in 1965 when they moved to their new home in the first-ever domed sports stadium, the Astrodome;

Whereas the Astros became a symbol for perseverance within the Houston community in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey when they elevated their dedication to service and

charitable contributions that helped Houstonians recover and rebuild;

Whereas the Houston Astros are owned by Jim Crain, who has the utmost pride in the City of Houston and appreciation for the Houston Astros' loyal fans who have been pivotal to the success of the team and essential to achieving their 2022 World Series win;

Whereas the general manager of the Houston Astros is James Click, who helped assemble a world-class organization and enabled it to achieve extraordinary success through development of their players and built a roster that is steeped in talent;

Whereas the Houston Astros are led by Dusty Baker, one of the greatest baseball minds of our era, who has become one of the most successful managers in baseball history;

Whereas at 73 years old, Baker has been dedicated to Major League Baseball (hereinafter referred to as "MLB") for nearly 50 years, 19 years as a player and 30 years as a manager;

Whereas Baker played with the Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Athletics, and Kansas City Royals;

Whereas Baker is the only manager in MLB history to lead five different teams and to win division titles with five different clubs: the San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Washington Nationals, and Houston Astros;

Whereas Dusty Baker is the first African-American manager to win 2,000 career games, is one of only two individuals in MLB history to produce 1,800 hits as a player and

2,000 wins as a manager, and is one of the most successful people in baseball history;

Whereas Baker finally clinched the one accolade that eluded him, winning the World Series as a Manager, by leading the Houston Astros to a World Series win in 2022;

Whereas Baker embodies the values of sportsmanship, dedication, resilience, and wise leadership, and he serves as an example for all Americans that anything is possible with fortitude and perseverance;

Whereas Jeremy Peña had a breakout season, becoming the first-ever rookie shortstop, and only the third shortstop in MLB history, to win a Gold Glove Award;

Whereas Peña rose from being a reserve player on the Astros' taxi squad who had only played 182 minor league games to becoming the first rookie position player in history to win a World Series MVP award and the youngest MVP player of any World Series;

Whereas Peña helped the Astros win the 2022 World Series with stellar play that is an inspiration to aspiring young players everywhere, and his personal story is proof that anything is possible with hard work, patience, determination, and focus that culminated in his World Series performance that was truly outstanding;

Whereas baseball was created in the United States, is a quintessentially American sport, compels the devotion of hundreds of millions of fans nationwide and beyond, and reaches its apex each year in the World Series, which is one of the greatest displays of teamwork, strategy, individual excellence, and collective achievement;

Whereas the Houston Astros are a formidable, resilient team that has become a force to be reckoned with, bringing tremendous pride to the City of Houston and the Nation;

Whereas we are grateful for the Houston Astros' commitment to excellence and success; and

Whereas we are proud of their accomplishments and are grateful for their leadership both on and off the field and their service to the community: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors the 2022 World Series Champion  
3       Houston Astros as the world champions of baseball;

4               (2) encourages the American people to “Level  
5       Up!” and persist in the face of adversity just as the  
6       2022 World Series Champion Houston Astros have  
7       proven that, with determination and persistence, it is  
8       possible to overcome any challenge;

9               (3) recognizes that the Houston Astros through  
10       their resilient play as a team, the perseverance of  
11       Dusty Baker, and the commitment of Jeremy Peña  
12       have shown the Nation that, with true grit, for-  
13       titude, and teamwork, we can hurdle daunting odds  
14       in the true spirit of what it means to be American;  
15       and

16               (4) congratulates the 2022 World Series Cham-  
17       pion Houston Astros on their historic climb to the  
18       top of the pantheon of baseball achievement, during

1        which they've become a true inspiration for the Na-  
2        tion.

