

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Houston Astro Craig Biggio is being inducted
2 into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of
3 2015, and this honor provides fitting recognition for an athlete
4 who proved himself one of the best players of his era; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on December 14, 1965, in Smithtown, New York,
6 Mr. Biggio was a multisport star at Kings Park High School;
7 recruited by a number of college programs for his skills as a
8 football player, he instead chose to pursue his passion for
9 baseball at Seton Hall University; he earned All-American
10 recognition while playing for the Pirates, and he was subsequently
11 chosen by the Houston Astros in the first round of the Major League
12 Baseball draft in 1987; and

13 WHEREAS, This versatile player made his major league debut in
14 1988, after a short but successful stint in the Astros' minor league
15 system; he won the starting catcher spot the next year, and he
16 earned the first of a club-record seven selections to the All-Star
17 Game in 1991; he switched to second base the following season, and
18 he logged more than a decade at that position in addition to playing
19 both center field and left field for Houston; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 20-year tenure,
21 Mr. Biggio compiled a .281 batting average, 3,060 hits, 291 home
22 runs, and 1,175 runs batted in; his 668 career doubles are more than
23 any other right-handed batter in major league history, and he is the
24 only player to ever realize the impressive combination of tallying
25 600 doubles, 250 home runs, 2,700 hits, and 400 stolen bases; his

1 myriad professional achievements also include winning four Gold
2 Glove Awards and five Silver Slugger Awards; and

3 WHEREAS, Always a fan favorite, Mr. Biggio endeared himself
4 to the Astros' faithful with his hustling style of play as well as
5 the intentionally dirty batting helmet he wore to the plate; he was
6 an opening day starter for Houston for 19 consecutive seasons, and
7 along with such teammates as Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman, he was
8 one of the beloved "Killer Bs" who paced the Houston attack in the
9 1990s and 2000s; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Biggio was an integral part of the 2005 squad
11 that reached the World Series, making the franchise's first and
12 only appearance to date in the Fall Classic; another highlight of
13 his career came in his final season, when he slugged his 3,000th
14 career hit against the Colorado Rockies on June 28, 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, A player who demonstrated outstanding skill and
16 gritty determination on the baseball diamond over the course of two
17 decades, Craig Biggio may take justifiable pride in his remarkable
18 accomplishments, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious
19 hall of fame honor; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Craig Biggio on his induction into
22 the National Baseball Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best
23 wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Biggio as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 169

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 169 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House