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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

1 600 doubles, 250 home runs, 2,700 hits, and 400 stolen bases; his  
2 myriad professional achievements also include winning four Gold  
3 Glove Awards and five Silver Slugger Awards; and

4 WHEREAS, Always a fan favorite, Mr. Biggio endeared himself  
5 to the Astros' faithful with his hustling style of play as well as  
6 the intentionally dirty batting helmet he wore to the plate; he was  
7 an opening day starter for Houston for 19 consecutive seasons, and  
8 along with such teammates as Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman, he was  
9 one of the beloved "Killer Bs" who paced the Houston attack in the  
10 1990s and 2000s; and

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

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

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

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