

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Amarillo residents are celebrating the return of
2 affiliated minor league baseball to the city after a 37-year
3 absence as the Sod Poodles ball club makes its debut in April 2019;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The new Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres,
6 the Sod Poodles are the first Texas League team to call the city
7 home since 1982, when the Amarillo Gold Sox completed a seven-year
8 run, also as part of the Padres organization; and

9 WHEREAS, After launching their 2019 season at Corpus Christi
10 on April 4, the Sod Poodles will christen their home ballpark,
11 Hodgetown, during their April 8 home opener against the Midland
12 RockHounds; located in downtown Amarillo, Hodgetown is a
13 state-of-the-art baseball facility named for Jerry Hodge, who has
14 played a leading role in getting the team established in the city;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Sod Poodles take their name from the term that
17 Panhandle pioneers gave to prairie dogs, and the mascot was
18 selected from more than 3,000 proposals in the franchise's "Name
19 the Team" contest; the quick-draw and cowboy-hat-tipping Sod Poodle
20 depicted on two of the official team logos illustrates Amarillo's
21 can-do spirit and hospitality; moreover, the club's colors of
22 Amarillo Yellow, Texas Red and Blue, and Route 66 Retro Blue
23 symbolize the proud history of the region and the Lone Star State;
24 the team is already generating such excitement among local

1 residents that there has been a call to make the Sod Poodle the
2 state's unofficial Herbivorous Burrowing Rodent; and

3 WHEREAS, The return of affiliated minor league baseball to
4 Amarillo marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the
5 community, and it is indeed a pleasure to join all those associated
6 with the Amarillo Sod Poodles in commemorating this momentous
7 occasion; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Amarillo Sod Poodles on their
10 inaugural 2019 season and extend to the team's players, coaches,
11 and staff sincere best wishes for success this year and in seasons
12 to come; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.

Smithee

H.R. No. 831

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 831 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House