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Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Seitz, Jones, Hughes, LaRose, Balderson

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to
remove Peter Edward "Pete" Rose from Major League
Baseball's permanently ineligible list as soon as
possible, and to urge the Baseball Writers'
Association of America and the National Baseball
Hall of Fame to include Rose on the Hall of Fame
ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Peter Edward "Pete" Rose is the all-time leader
in hits, at bats, and games played in Major League Baseball,
and is the only Major League Baseball player to play more
than 500 games at five different positions; and

WHEREAS, Rose is a seventeen-time Major League Baseball
All Star, is the only player to be an All Star at five
different positions, and is the winner of two Gold Gloves,
the Rookie of the Year award, three batting titles, a Most
Valuable Player award, and three World Series titles, two
with the Cincinnati Reds and one with the Philadelphia
Phillies; and

WHEREAS, Rose managed the Cincinnati Reds beginning in

1984 until 1989, compiling a record of 426-388, the fifth 20
most wins by a manager in Reds history; and 21

WHEREAS, On August 24, 1989, Rose voluntarily accepted a 22
permanent place on Major League Baseball's ineligible list in 23
response to a Major League Baseball investigation concerning 24
his gambling activities, including gambling on baseball 25
games. The investigation did not produce any evidence that 26
Rose gambled against the Reds while he was the manager of the 27
team; and 28

WHEREAS, Under Major League Baseball rules, Rose was 29
eligible to apply for reinstatement on or after August 24, 30
1990. Rose applied for reinstatement in 1992, but Major 31
League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent refused to act on 32
the application; and 33

WHEREAS, The 2015 Major League Baseball All-Star Game is 34
being held at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, which is 35
the city where Rose spent a majority of his playing career 36
and his entire managing career. In previous All-Star Games, a 37
living legend from the home team represents the team and has 38
acted as a host to the baseball community; and 39

WHEREAS, Even though Rose is widely regarded as one of 40
the most recognizable members of the Cincinnati Reds of all 41
time, he is prohibited from taking part in any baseball- 42
related activities, including anything associated with the 43
All-Star Game; and 44

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2015, Rose applied to Major League 45
Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred for reinstatement; now 46
therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 48
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Robert Manfred, the 49
Commissioner of Major League Baseball, to remove Peter Edward 50

"Pete" Rose from Major League Baseball's permanently 51
ineligible list as soon as possible; and be it further 52

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 53
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Baseball Writers' 54
Association of America and the National Baseball Hall of Fame 55
to include Pete Rose on the next Hall of Fame ballot; and be 56
it further 57

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 58
authenticated copies of this resolution to Major League 59
Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred, the Baseball Writers' 60
Association of America, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, 61
and the news media of Ohio. 62