

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 518 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY MURT, ROEBUCK, WILLIAMS, MILLARD, DIGIROLAMO, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, SCHMITT, LONGIETTI, BROOKS, POLINCHOCK, MERSKI, ZABEL, BURNS, KORTZ, VITALI, SONNEY, RYAN, JOZWIAK, JOHNSON-HARRELL, ROTHMAN, READSHAW, MENTZER, CALTAGIRONE, SAYLOR, WARREN, NEILSON AND KIM, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Richard "Dick" Anthony Allen as a
 2 standout baseball player and his contributions to the
 3 Philadelphia Phillies and calling for the voters on the
 4 veterans committee to elect Mr. Allen to the National
 5 Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020.

6 WHEREAS, Richard "Dick" Anthony Allen was born March 8, 1941,
 7 in Wampum, Pennsylvania, and grew up in neighboring Chewton; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Wampum High School in 1960, Mr.
 9 Allen was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies for an estimated
 10 \$70,000; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen played in multiple levels of the minor
 12 league for a few years where he was exposed to poor racial
 13 relations within the baseball industry in the early 1960s; and

14 WHEREAS, On September 3, 1963, Mr. Allen was called up from
 15 the minor league to make his major league debut for the Phillies
 16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen remained with the Phillies for six

1 seasons, making history by hitting an estimated 529-foot home
2 run that cleared the Coca-Cola® sign in Connie Mack Stadium's
3 left-center field; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was traded to multiple teams throughout
5 his career before playing his last game on June 19, 1977, as a
6 player with the Oakland Athletics; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen finished a record-breaking career at 35
8 years of age with a 0.292 batting average, 351 home runs and
9 1,119 RBIs; and

10 WHEREAS, Among his many awards and records, Mr. Allen was
11 named 1964 National League Rookie of the Year, 1972 American
12 League Most Valuable Player and an All Star for six seasons; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen fell just one vote short of being elected
14 to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the legacy
16 of Richard "Dick" Anthony Allen as a standout baseball player
17 and his contributions to the Philadelphia Phillies with his
18 majestic, record-breaking home runs; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call for the
20 voters on the veterans committee to elect Mr. Allen to the
21 National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020.