
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Jayson Stark, a resident of Newtown,
2 Pennsylvania, who was elected the 2019 winner of the J.G.
3 Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers'
4 Association of America.

5 WHEREAS, Jayson Stark, who for more than four decades has
6 exhibited passion and humor in equal measure in his baseball
7 coverage, was elected the 2019 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink
8 Award by the Baseball Writers' Association of America; and

9 WHEREAS, The J.G. Taylor Spink Award is presented annually to
10 a sportswriter "for meritorious contributions to baseball
11 writing"; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark is receiving the award during the National
13 Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's induction weekend in July
14 2019 in Cooperstown, New York; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark received 270 votes from the 463 ballots to
16 become the 70th honoree since the award's inception in 1962,
17 when J.G. Taylor Spink received the honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark, a Philadelphia native and Syracuse
19 University graduate, had his first taste of big-league coverage

1 for the *Providence Journal* on the Boston Red Sox beat before
2 returning to his hometown to cover the Phillies, including their
3 first World Series championship in 1980; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark made his mark in Philadelphia for 21 years
5 as a Phillies beat writer and national baseball columnist for
6 the *Inquirer* and nationally for 17 years as senior baseball
7 writer at ESPN.com; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark's popular "*Baseball Week in Review*" is a
9 master example of that baseball writing staple -- the notes
10 column -- in which Jayson curates all things weird, wacky,
11 unique, statistically inclined and historically rare in the
12 game; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Stark is the author of three books on baseball,
14 has won an Emmy for his work on *Baseball Tonight* and is a two-
15 time winner of the Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year Award;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Topps issued a Jayson Stark baseball card in 2017;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate Jayson Stark, who has
20 been at the pinnacle of his profession for decades, on being
21 elected the 2019 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in
22 balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.