

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 119 Session of
1989

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MELIO, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRELLO AND FLEAGLE, MAY 30, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 30, 1989

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 1989 as "Lou Gehrig Tribute Month."

2 WHEREAS, The ALS Association and Major League Baseball will
3 be commemorating the 50th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's retirement
4 from baseball due to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS); and

5 WHEREAS, Lou Gehrig was known as the "Iron Horse of
6 Baseball," playing 2,130 consecutive games, with more than 8,000
7 times at bat and 493 home runs, and being nominated by special
8 election to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939 after 16 years
9 with the New York Yankees; and

10 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is commonly known as
11 Lou Gehrig Disease, the only disease to be named for a victim;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, ALS is a fatal, progressively paralytic
14 neuromuscular disease in which the patient's mind is typically
15 unaffected, which locks the person into a body that doesn't move
16 and which often renders the person unable to speak; it has been

1 described by one patient as "having a ringside seat to one's own
2 demise"; and

3 WHEREAS, The ALS Association, the only voluntary health
4 organization dedicated solely to ALS through research and
5 patient services, works to enhance the quality of life and
6 individual dignity of ALS patients while seeking a cause and
7 cure for this terrible disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Major League Baseball, with teams all over North
9 America, has designated June 1989 as "Lou Gehrig Tribute Month"
10 to benefit the ALS Association and will, through its
11 Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti and Presidents Bill White (NL)
12 and Dr. Robert Brown (AL) and the individual teams, focus on Lou
13 Gehrig Tribute Month in June, with the national kickoff with the
14 Phillies in Philadelphia; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
16 of Pennsylvania join with the ALS Association and Major League
17 Baseball to designate the month of June 1989 as "Lou Gehrig
18 Tribute Month"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the
20 Governor to solicit his support of this designation.