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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Craig Biggio upon the occasion of his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those esteemed individuals who distinguish themselves through exceptional performance, outstanding achievement, and peerless commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Craig Biggio upon the occasion of his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Craig Alan Biggio was born in Smithtown, New York, in 1965; he is a graduate of Kings Park High School on Long Island, where he played both football and baseball; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, this esteemed athlete began his baseball career when he was called up to be the catcher for the Houston Astros; he would continue to play for Houston for the entirety of his career; and

WHEREAS, Considered one of the greatest defensive players in Major League Baseball history, Craig Biggio has started at the positions of catcher, second baseman and outfielder during his illustrious career, and has won four Golden Glove awards; and

WHEREAS, Known for his speed and offensive prowess as well as his sterling defense, Craig Biggio won the National Silver Slugger Award for catchers in 1989, and recorded seven All-Star game appearances; and

WHEREAS, Between 1993-1999, Craig Biggio averaged better than 17 home runs and 33 steals a year, with 116 runs scored batting as Houston's leadoff hitter; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Craig Biggio is fifth on the all-time list for

most doubles, and holds the record for most times being hit by a pitch;
and

WHEREAS, Craig Biggio has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A national spokesman for the Sunshine Kids Foundation, benefiting children with cancer, Craig Biggio was honored with the 2007 Roberto Clemente Award for his commitment to humanitarian causes; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Patty Biggio, and their three children, Conor, Cavan, and Quinn, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Craig Biggio on his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Craig Biggio.