## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 219

Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY HADDOCK, DONAHUE, BURGOS, HARKINS, GREINER, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, NEILSON, COOK, STAATS, FREEMAN, VENKAT, BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, MENTZER, M. JONES, SCHLOSSBERG, KENYATTA, DALEY, GREEN, MADDEN AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, APRIL 30, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS, APRIL 30, 2025

## A RESOLUTION

- Designating July 17, 2025, as "100th anniversary of American Legion Baseball Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, American Legion Baseball is one of the most
- 4 successful amateur sports leagues in the country, surviving
- 5 through World War II and other national tragedies; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Players between 13 and 19 years of age, in all 50
- 7 states and Canada, can compete in this league with the hopes of
- 8 eventually playing college or professional baseball; and
- 9 WHEREAS, By participating in American Legion Baseball,
- 10 players learn about teamwork, discipline, good sportsmanship and
- 11 leadership, encouraging today's youth to become tomorrow's
- 12 leaders; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The league awards more than \$25,000 in college
- 14 scholarships to its players each year based off of their
- 15 character, leadership, scholarship and financial need; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Over the last 100 years, 82 former American Legion

- 1 Baseball players have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of
- 2 Fame; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The first American Legion Baseball World Series took
- 4 place in Philadelphia in 1926, including teams from 15 states;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1982, Boyertown became the first American Legion
- 7 Baseball World Series Champion from Pennsylvania, and the team's
- 8 1987 win continues to be the second-most dominant championship
- 9 run in the league's history; and
- 10 WHEREAS, As of 2024, there are 305 American Legion Baseball
- 11 teams in Pennsylvania, which is the second-highest number of
- 12 teams compared to all states across the country; and
- 13 WHEREAS, It is important for all Pennsylvanians to recognize
- 14 the value of American Legion Baseball to this Commonwealth and
- 15 our nation's pastime; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July
- 17 17, 2025, as "100th anniversary of American Legion Baseball Day"
- 18 in Pennsylvania.