
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
JANUARY 17, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the accomplishments of Rocco Colavito, Jr., and
2 recommending his nomination to the National Baseball Hall of
3 Fame.

4 WHEREAS, Rocco Domenico Colavito, Jr., known as "Rocky," was
5 born August 10, 1933, in New York City; and

6 WHEREAS, After dropping out of high school at the age of 16
7 to pursue his baseball career, Mr. Colavito was forced to wait
8 one year before signing with the Cleveland Indians in 1951; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1954, he had hit 38 home runs and had amassed 116
10 runs batted in (RBIs) for the Indianapolis Indians; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1955, he finally made his Major League Baseball
12 (MLB) debut for the Cleveland Indians and ended the year tied
13 for American League Rookie of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Colavito quickly made a name for himself as a
15 power hitter and batted a career high .303 in 1958; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 10, 1959, he became the 8th of only 18 MLB

1 players who have hit four home runs in a single game; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1960, to the heartbreak of most Cleveland Indians
3 fans, Mr. Colavito was traded to the Detroit Tigers; and

4 WHEREAS, After a tense three years with the Tigers, he spent
5 one year with the Kansas City Athletics before returning to his
6 beloved Indians in 1965; and

7 WHEREAS, He continued with the Indians for two years before
8 playing for the Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers and New
9 York Yankees for the next year; and

10 WHEREAS, On September 30, 1968, Mr. Colavito was released
11 from the Yankees and retired as a player; and

12 WHEREAS, He ended his career with a .266 batting average, 374
13 home runs and 1,159 RBIs and was named an All-Star nine times;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, he held a variety of roles with the
16 Cleveland Indians, and in 1982 and 1983 he was a hitting coach
17 for the Kansas City Royals; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Colavito was inducted into the
19 Cleveland Indians' Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, Currently, Mr. Colavito resides in Berks County,
21 Pennsylvania, with his wife of almost 65 years; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 accomplishments of Rocco Colavito, Jr., and recommend his
24 nomination to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.