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H. RES. 1370

Finding that holding the 2011 Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Arizona is at odds with Major League Baseball's efforts to promote diversity and tolerance, and urging Major League Baseball to find a more suitable location for the Game.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 18, 2010

Mr. SERRANO (for himself and Mr. MEEKS of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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RESOLUTION

Finding that holding the 2011 Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Arizona is at odds with Major League Baseball's efforts to promote diversity and tolerance, and urging Major League Baseball to find a more suitable location for the Game.

Whereas, on April 23, 2010, the Governor of Arizona signed Arizona Senate Bill 1070 into law;

Whereas the Arizona statute has been extremely divisive, and has led to protests across the United States and objections from a wide range of individuals and organizations;

Whereas there are legitimate concerns that the Arizona statute is unconstitutional and will lead to racial profiling by law enforcement officers;

Whereas the Major League Baseball Players Association has condemned the Arizona statute;

Whereas more than 25 percent of Major League Baseball players were born outside of the United States;

Whereas 48 percent of minor league baseball players were born outside of the United States;

Whereas Major League Baseball has scheduled the 2011 All-Star Game in Phoenix, Arizona on July 11, 2011;

Whereas Major League Baseball is the premier league of a globalized sport;

Whereas the Major League Baseball All-Star Game is a display of the global reach of baseball;

Whereas holding the 2011 All-Star Game in Phoenix while the Arizona statute remains in effect would diminish Major League Baseball's efforts at expanding the fan base and promoting tolerance and diversity;

Whereas several Major League Baseball players have announced that they would refuse to participate in an All-Star Game held in Arizona unless the statute is repealed; and

Whereas Major League Baseball has an opportunity to make a statement in favor of justice and decency by moving the 2011 All-Star Game from Arizona: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives--

(1) finds that holding the 2011 All-Star Game in the State of Arizona while the statute remains in effect is at odds with Major League Baseball's well-known efforts to promote diversity and tolerance; and

(2) urges Major League Baseball to find a more suitable location for such a prestigious event, should the Arizona statute remain in effect.