

No. R-502. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Baseball Hall of Famer and Vermont Mountaineers' board member Robin Roberts.

(S.C.R.54)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representatives Kitzmiller and Hooper of Montpelier District,

Whereas, major league baseball Hall of Famer and all-star pitcher Robin Roberts was a special human being whose loyalty to his baseball family in both Philadelphia and in Montpelier was extraordinary, and

Whereas, from 1948 to 1961, his accomplishments on the pitcher's mound at Shibe Park (Connie Mack Stadium) are now inscribed as legendary on the history pages of the Philadelphia Phillies, and

Whereas, Robin Roberts pitched six consecutive 20-win seasons starting in 1950 when, as one of the Phillies "Whiz Kids," he played a leading role in the team's clinching its first National League pennant in 35 years, and

Whereas, as a Philly ace pitcher, he was the National League hurler with the most victories for the 1952–1956 seasons, and his overall major league career highlights featured 286 wins, 45 shutouts, 2,357 strikeouts, and an earned run average of 3.41, and

Whereas, in 1976, Robin Roberts was awarded the national pastime's ultimate honor when he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, and

Whereas, before Robin Roberts threw his first pitch as a major leaguer, central Vermont baseball fans had come to know and root for this Michigan State University pitching sensation, and

Whereas, during the summers of 1946 and 1947, Robin Roberts pitched for the Northern League's Twin City Trojans, whose home park was the Montpelier Recreation Field where the Vermont Mountaineers now play, and

Whereas, in 1946, Robin Roberts pitched an 11–8 season including a no-hitter against the Keene, New Hampshire, Blue Jays, and in 1947, he overwhelmed the opposing teams as he compiled a nearly astonishing 18–3 record, which enabled the Trojans to win that season's Northern League championship, and

Whereas, Robin Robert's loyalty to Montpelier baseball fans proved amazingly enduring as he had a wonderful contemporary association with summertime collegiate baseball in Vermont's capital city, and

Whereas, in 2003, when the Vermont Mountaineers were established in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, the team held a Robin Roberts Day to honor its home field's most illustrious player, and

Whereas, not only did Robin Roberts travel to Montpelier for this special commemorative occasion, he became an enthusiastic member of the team's board of directors and was participating this spring in Mountaineer fund-raising, and

Whereas, baseball fans in both Vermont and Philadelphia were saddened to learn that Robin Roberts, the great baseball player and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather died this past week at his home in Temple Terrace, Florida, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Robin Roberts and fondly remembers his great contributions, both recent and long ago, to summertime baseball in the Green Mountain State, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Mountaineers' General Manager Brian Gallagher, to Philadelphia Phillies Vice President for Alumni Relations Larry Shenk, and to each of Robin Roberts's sons.