

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 444

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service should exert its best efforts to cause the Major League Baseball Players Association and the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues to enter into a contract to continue to play professional baseball games without engaging in a strike, a lockout, or any coercive conduct that interferes with the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2002

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. ISTOOK, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, and Mr. MCKEON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service should exert its best efforts to cause the Major League Baseball Players Association and the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues to enter into a contract to continue to play professional baseball games without engaging in a strike, a lockout, or any coercive conduct that inter-

feres with the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

Whereas the Major League Baseball Players Association is the collective bargaining representative for all current major league baseball players in the American and National Leagues;

Whereas the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues is the collective bargaining representative for the 30 separate teams and owners;

Whereas major league baseball is a national institution, and is commonly referred to as “the national pastime”;

Whereas major league baseball and its players played a critical role in restoring America’s spirit following the tragic events of September 11, 2001;

Whereas major league baseball players are role models to millions of young Americans; and

Whereas while the financial issues involved in this current labor negotiation are significant, they pale in comparison to the damage that will be caused by a strike or work stoppage: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
 3 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, on its own  
 4 motion and in accordance with section 203(b) of the Labor  
 5 Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 173(b)),  
 6 should immediately—

7            (1) proffer its services to the Major League  
 8        Baseball Players Association and the owners of the

1 teams of organized professional major league base-  
2 ball that are members of the National Association of  
3 Professional Baseball Leagues, to resolve labor con-  
4 tract disputes relating to entering into a collective  
5 bargaining agreement; and

6 (2) use its best efforts to bring the parties to  
7 agree to such contract without engaging in a strike,  
8 a lockout, or any other coercion that interferes with  
9 the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

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