

Mr. Speaker on August 6, 1999, Tony Gwynn hit the 3,000th base hit of his career. As many baseball fans know, this was not an easy accomplishment. In the history of Major League Baseball, only 22 other ball-players hit 3,000 or more base hits. This achievement places Tony Gwynn in the pantheon of baseball legends including: Roberto Clemente, Lou Brock, and Hank Aaron.

In 20 seasons, all with the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn has been the master of putting the ball into play. In the Padres 1998 National League Championship season, Tony had almost as many home runs as strikeouts, and struck out looking only three times. His hands are lightning-quick and he's able to wait until the last millisecond before connecting with the ball wherever it is pitched. He goes after the first good pitch he sees and almost always hits it, so he rarely walks. And Tony is renowned for his ability to hit balls through the left side of the infield.

Tony has batted over .300 in 19 of those seasons and in the strike-shortened season of 1994, batted an amazing .394. His career batting average is an astounding .338.

Furthermore, off the baseball diamond, Tony has been a tremendous asset to the San Diego community. Tony, along with his wife Alicia, have given their time and effort in philanthropic causes. They don't like to talk about community efforts, but the Gwynns are involved in more than two dozen organizations—San Diego Police Athletic Leagues, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Padres Scholars, the Casa de Amparao, Neighborhood House, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA to name a few—that benefit from his time, attention and money.

In 1998, Tony led all Padres players in community appearances and joined seven-time American League batting champion Rod Carew for a historic youth batting clinic in Culiacin, Mexico, in March 1998. In addition, Tony was named the Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner. He was also the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and 1998 Padres Nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award.

These days children often pay to get professional athletes' autograph, picture, or signed memorabilia. Tony Gwynn has no part of this. Tony stays late at events to sign autographs; he's nice to young people; he's nice to everybody. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring this tremendous individual for his multitude of accomplishments.

I want to submit for the RECORD a copy of a resolution that I introduced last Congress, and urge all my Colleagues to support this resolution today.

H. RES. 284

Whereas on August 6, 1999, Anthony ('Tony') Gwynn, of the San Diego Padres major league baseball organization, hit his 3,000th career base hit;

Whereas the last person in the National League to have 3,000 career base hits was Lou Brock, on August 13, 1979;

Whereas in the history of major league baseball, only 22 other players have 3,000 or more base hits in their careers, including such greats as Roberto Clemente, Rod Carew, and Hank Aaron;

Whereas Tony Gwynn is considered to be one of the greatest major league hitters of

the modern era, and was proclaimed the 'Greatest Hitter Since Ted Williams' by Sports Illustrated;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has won eight batting titles, tied for the National League record only with Honus Wagner, and topped only by the American League legend Ty Cobb;

Whereas throughout his career Tony Gwynn has consistently conducted himself with dignity, modesty, and selflessness that has been an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has also distinguished himself off the baseball diamond as an active and valued member of the San Diego community;

Whereas Tony Gwynn, along with his wife Alicia, continue their award-winning philanthropic efforts, and are extremely active in supporting the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparao, Police Athletic League, New Haven Home, Neighborhood House, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations;

Whereas in 1998, Tony Gwynn led all Padres players in community appearances and joined seven-time American League batting champion Rod Carew for a historic youth batting clinic in Culiacan, Mexico, in March 1998; and

Whereas Tony Gwynn was named the Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, as well as the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres for his amazing accomplishments on and off the baseball field, and thanks him for many years of unsurpassed baseball excitement.

Mr. HUNTER, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the outstanding achievements of baseball great, Tony Gwynn, and give my full support to H. Res. 198, introduced by my San Diego colleague, SUSAN DAVIS. Throughout his 20 year career as a professional baseball player with the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn has been a role model both on and off the field.

October 7th will mark the end of Tony Gwynn's professional baseball career as a player; a career played entirely in San Diego. Only 16 players in baseball history have played at least 20 seasons and spent their entire career with one team.

Throughout his remarkable career, the future Hall of Famer compiled a lifetime batting average of .338, gained over 3,000 hits (17th most in major league history), won 8 batting championships, 5 Gold Gloves, and is a 15-time National League All-Star. He currently leads all active players in career batting average, hits, and strikeout to walk ratio. He has struck out only 425 times in 9,186 career at bats; averaging only one strike out every 23.8 plate appearances.

Not all of Tony Gwynn's accomplishments have been on the field. His ties to the San Diego community are just as strong as his numbers in the field. It is well known that Tony and his wife, Alicia, are great contributors to humanitarian efforts and devote themselves to community service. While they are widely recognized for helping build and furnish a YMCA in San Diego, what is not as well known are the other philanthropic efforts in which the

Gwynns participated. They have helped pay funeral costs for those who could not afford them, obtained Christmas presents for needy families, and bought blocks of Padre tickets for children to sit near him in the right field seats.

Tony and his wife have a son, Anthony II and a daughter, Anisha Nicole. Anthony is a freshman baseball player at San Diego State University, which is his father's alma mater. Now Anthony will have the ability to play once again with his first coach. Tony recently accepted the head coaching position for next year's San Diego State baseball team, continuing his efforts to give back to the community and the sport he loved so much.

Mr. Speaker, Tony Gwynn is deservedly one of the most respected and admired professional athletes in the world. His dedication to his profession, family, and community provides a role model we all can look up to. We will miss number 19 in the Padre line-up, but thank him for all the great moments he has given to the San Diego community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 198.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2883, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, a "Dear Colleague" letter has been sent to Members informing them that the Committee on Rules plans to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2001, to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 2883, the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002.

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on Intelligence filed its report on the bill on Wednesday, September 26. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Intelligence.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that