

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 215

Commending Bristol Baseball, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, Bristol Baseball, Inc., which operates the Bristol Pirates, an affiliate team of Major League Baseball, celebrates 50 consecutive years of professional baseball in Bristol in 2019; and

WHEREAS, professional baseball was first played in Bristol in 1911, and since 1969, Bristol has been home to the team now known as the Bristol Pirates, an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing in the rookie-class Appalachian League of Professional Baseball; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the team's history, the Bristol Pirates have also been affiliated with the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox; several members of the team have gone on to become Major League Baseball All-Stars, and one former member, Alan Trammell, was named Most Valuable Player of the 1984 World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Pirates play at DeVault Memorial Stadium, which seats 2,000 fans and continues to meet the high standards of a professional baseball facility thanks to Bristol Baseball, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, Bristol Baseball, Inc., has no full-time staff and relies on an all-volunteer board of directors and a volunteer general manager to support the Bristol Pirates and ensure that the citizens of Bristol continue to enjoy the benefits of professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, Bristol Baseball, Inc., and the Bristol Pirates have succeeded with the generous support of many local businesses, corporate sponsors, and advertisers, as well as a longstanding, enthusiastic fan base; and

WHEREAS, professional baseball has enhanced the lives of Bristol residents by providing a family-friendly entertainment opportunity and giving local student-athletes the chance to observe a high level of play as they consider their own careers in professional sports; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bristol Baseball, Inc., for bringing professional baseball to the residents of Bristol for 50 years; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bristol Baseball, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's unique contributions to the Bristol community.

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