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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered January 28, 2019

Commending David Allen Wright.

Patrons—Cosgrove; Delegates: Knight and Wright

WHEREAS, David Allen Wright, a Norfolk native, finished his distinguished career in Major League Baseball as a member of the New York Mets in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong fan of the New York Mets due to the team's affiliation with the Class AAA Norfolk Tides, David Wright was selected by the Mets in the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, David Wright made his major league debut for the Mets on July 21, 2004, starting at second base against the Montreal Expos, and went on to become the team's starting third baseman for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, as longtime captain of the Mets, David Wright helped lead the team to the 2015 World Series, where he hit a two-run home run in the Mets' Game 3 victory; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, David Wright was diagnosed with spinal stenosis and subsequently played in the minor leagues while undergoing surgeries for neck and shoulder injuries; he was activated from the Mets' disabled list on September 13, 2018, and made his final appearance for the team on September 29, 2018, a 1 - 0 victory against the Miami Marlins; and

WHEREAS, David Wright finished his career with 1,777 hits for an impressive .296 batting average, scoring 949 runs and 242 home runs; he holds Mets franchise records for at-bats, hits, runs scored, total bases, times on base, RBIs, and doubles, among many others; and

WHEREAS, David Wright earned numerous awards and accolades over the course of his career, including the Gold Glove Award and the Silver Slugger Award in 2007 and 2008; he made seven All-Star Game appearances and played for the United States in the 2009 World Baseball Classic; and

WHEREAS, David Wright earned the respect and admiration of fans for his loyalty, stellar performance, and gregarious personality, and was a trusted mentor and friend to generations of his fellow Mets players; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Allen Wright for his exceptional career as a professional baseball player; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Allen Wright as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his skill as a professional athlete and his inspirational determination.

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