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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 367

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Commending Ryan Zimmerman.

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WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman, an outstanding ambassador for the Commonwealth and a champion for people with multiple sclerosis, announced his retirement from Major League Baseball in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman played baseball as a youth for the Tidewater Drillers, and he attended Floyd E. Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, where he played shortstop on the school's baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman attended the University of Virginia (UVA) and played at third base for the UVA Cavaliers; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman started in each of the 174 games he played for the UVA Cavaliers; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman started as a third baseman for the United States National Team in 2004 and won a gold medal at the International University Sports Federation World University Baseball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman was awarded the 2004 Richard W. "Dick" Case Player of the Year Award by USA Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman was drafted as the first pick for the Washington Nationals and the fourth overall pick in the 2005 Major League Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman played at third base or first base with the Washington Nationals for his entire major league baseball career, a total of 16 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman played 1,799 games for the Washington Nationals with a record 284 home runs, 963 runs, and 1,846 hits, along with a .277 career batting average; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman helped lead the Washington Nationals to a victory in the 2019 World Series by hitting the first World Series home run in Washington Nationals franchise history; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades over the course of his career, Ryan Zimmerman received the Rawlings National League Gold Glove award in 2009, the National League Silver Slugger Award in 2009 and 2010, and the distinguished Lou Gehrig Award in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Zimmerman was selected for the National League All Star team in 2009 and again in 2017; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, Ryan Zimmerman announced his retirement from Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, as founder and president of the ziMS Foundation, Ryan Zimmerman has raised over \$3.5 million for multiple sclerosis research and advanced the foundation's mission of "bringing home a cure"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ryan Zimmerman for his 16-season Major League Baseball career, representing Virginia on the Washington Nationals, and for his extensive work with the ziMS Foundation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ryan Zimmerman as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on his outstanding baseball career and representation of Virginia, and best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

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