

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 319

Commending Maurice "Mo" Vaughn.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 1996

WHEREAS, Maurice "Mo" Vaughn, a first baseman with the Boston Red Sox, was selected by the Baseball Writers Association of America as the 1995 American League Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, Mo Vaughn compiled his most impressive numbers to date in 1995, had the best and most consistent offensive performance of any Red Sox player for the third consecutive season, and finished the year with a .300 batting average, 39 home runs, and 126 runs batted in; and

WHEREAS, Mo Vaughn was selected as the Fan's Choice for the 10th Player Award and was given the affectionate nickname of "The Hit Dog" by his many fans; and

WHEREAS, recently this brilliant 27-year-old baseball player has been honored as the recipient of the American Lung Association of Connecticut's Humanitarian Award, given in recognition of his off-the-field accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Mo Vaughn created the Mo Vaughn Youth Center in Dorchester, Massachusetts, for which he was given the Red Sox Community Service Award at the end of the 1995 season; and

WHEREAS, Mo Vaughn has established himself as one of Boston's most caring and generous young athletes, often donating time and talent to local charities and following in the footsteps of his parents, Leroy and Shirley Vaughn of Midlothian, Virginia, from whom he learned the personal rewards to be gained from community service and helping those less fortunate than he; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate Maurice "Mo" Vaughn for his many accomplishments both on and off the baseball diamond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia share with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts its pride in recognizing not only "Mo" Vaughn's immense value to his sport, his league and his team, but also to the larger society; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Maurice "Mo" Vaughn as an expression of the Virginia General Assembly's appreciation and high regard for his achievements as an athlete and an altruist.

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