

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Urges Philadelphia Phillies to induct Dan Baker into Toyota Phillies Wall of Fame.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Philadelphia Phillies to
2 induct Dan Baker into the Toyota Phillies Wall of Fame.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Dan Baker, born in 1946 in Southwest Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania and raised in Mount Ephraim, New Jersey, and a
6 graduate of Audubon High School and Glassboro State College, has
7 dedicated 50 years to Philadelphia sports as of 2021; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Baker first developed his love for baseball as a child
9 attending Philadelphia Phillies games with his father, and in 1972 at
10 the age of 25, he became the public address announcer at Veterans
11 Stadium and is currently the longest tenured public address
12 announcer in Major League Baseball (MLB); and

13 **WHEREAS**, In addition to his work for the Phillies, Mr. Baker also
14 served as the public address announcer for the Philadelphia Eagles
15 of the National Football League (NFL) between 1985 and 2014;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Baker has also been a public address announcer for
18 five World Series', two MLB All Star Games, and three National
19 Football Conference Championship Games; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Now 75 years old, Mr. Baker has been described as "one
21 of the friendliest people to ever inhabit this planet" by the
22 Philadelphia Inquirer, and is known for his work ethic, enthusiasm
23 for baseball, and most notably, his voice; and

24 **WHEREAS**, 2020 was a particularly difficult year for Mr. Baker as in
25 addition to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, he underwent
26 treatment for cancer which impacted his voice and ability to do the
27 job he loves; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Baker gracefully recovered and was back at the
29 ballpark announcing again for the 2021 baseball season, officially
30 marking his 49th season behind the microphone; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Baker plans to continue his tenure as a public address
32 announcer for the Philadelphia Phillies for many years to come and,
33 with 11 years to go, he hopes to set the record for most seasons as a
34 public address announcer in baseball history; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Sixty-seven outstanding players and non-players, such as
36 Michael Jack Schmidt and Paul "the Pope" Owens, have earned a
37 place on the Toyota Phillies Wall of Fame, and this House urges the
38 recognition of Dan Baker and his years of dedication to the Phillies
39 by honoring him with induction to the Toyota Phillies Wall of
40 Fame; now, therefore,

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
43 *Jersey:*

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45 1. This House urges the Philadelphia Phillies to induct Dan
46 Baker into the Toyota Phillies Wall of Fame.

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