

House Resolution 618

By: Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Ralston of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Epps of the 144th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing former Atlanta Braves pitching coach Mr. Leo David Mazzone; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Leo David Mazzone was born on October 16, 1948, in Keyser, West
4 Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, his passion for the game of baseball fostered a remarkable career as a player in
6 the minor league systems for the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics; as a minor
7 league coach; as the pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves and Baltimore Orioles; and now
8 as a sports analyst for 680 The Fan and special pitching advisor for the baseball team at
9 Furman University; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of his 15 year tenure as pitching coach for the team, the Braves
11 pitching staff—anchored by a premier rotation starring Greg Maddux, John Smoltz, and Tom
12 Glavine—had a better earned run average than any other team in major league baseball; and

13 WHEREAS, he led the Braves to 14 straight postseason appearances; and

14 WHEREAS, a statistical analysis conducted by J.C. Bradbury found that his expert tutelage
15 produced, on average, a .64 point reduction in a pitcher's earned run average; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Mazzone's deep knowledge and novel approach to pitching was
17 instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Atlanta Braves dynasty of the 1990s and
18 ultimately produced a World Series championship for the team in 1995.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in recognizing Mr. Leo David Mazzone for his many
21 accomplishments and wish him continued success and happiness.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
24 Mr. Leo David Mazzone.