

House Resolution 3

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Rogers of the 10th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 120th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dale Murphy for his legendary baseball career; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dale Murphy spent 14 of his 18 years in major league baseball with the Atlanta
4 Braves; and he is one of only 11 players in baseball history to have played in 740 consecutive
5 games; and

6 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Murphy twice received the National League Most
7 Valuable Player Award, in 1982 and 1983; was a four-time recipient of the Silver Slugger
8 Award, from 1982–1985; a five-time Gold Glove Award winner, from 1982–1986; and was
9 selected to the National League All-Star Team seven times; and

10 WHEREAS, his career statistics include a .265 batting average, with 2,111 hits, 398 home
11 runs, and 1,266 runs batted in; and

12 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has earned his well-deserved reputation for athletic
13 achievement by performing with initiative and precision during his time on the baseball field;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, perhaps the most idealized and beloved baseball player of the 1980s, Murphy
16 also earned recognition and distinction off the field, through his consistent support of
17 numerous charities in the community and by his example as a faithful and loving husband
18 and father; and

19 WHEREAS, a hero to millions of children around the nation, Murphy strove to set an
20 example and live up to the image his fans expected of him; he was always the last player to
21 leave the field, making certain that he gave an autograph to every kid waiting to meet him;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, his dedication to the sport of baseball, along with his exceptional work ethic and
24 competitive fire have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and have given
25 inspiration to many; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the remarkable achievements of this
27 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Dale Murphy for his outstanding baseball
30 career and urge his induction into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dale
33 Murphy.