

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Bob Feller and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas Robert William Andrew (“Bob”) Feller was born on November 3, 1918, near Van Meter, Iowa;

Whereas Bob Feller learned to play baseball on his parents’ farm in Dallas County, Iowa, and commented that “What kid wouldn’t enjoy the life I led in Iowa? Baseball and farming, and I had the best of both worlds”;

Whereas Feller attended Van Meter High School where he pitched for the baseball team;

Whereas Feller, at the age of 17, joined the Cleveland Indians, where he played for 18 years, his entire career;

Whereas Feller led the American League in wins 6 times;

Whereas Feller led the American League in strikeouts 7 times;

Whereas Feller pitched 3 no-hitters, including the only Opening Day no-hitter, and shares the major league record with 12 one-hitters;

Whereas Feller was an 8-time All-Star;

Whereas Feller was a key member of the 1948 World Series Champion Cleveland Indians;

Whereas Feller threw the second fastest pitch ever officially recorded, at 107.6 miles per hour;

Whereas Feller ended his career with 266 victories and 2,581 strikeouts;

Whereas Feller remains the winningest pitcher in Cleveland Indians history;

Whereas Feller was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962, his first year of eligibility;

Whereas Feller enlisted in the Navy 2 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941;

Whereas Feller served with valor in the Navy for nearly 4 years, missing almost 4 full baseball seasons;

Whereas Feller was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Alabama as a gunnery specialist;

Whereas Feller earned 8 battle stars and was discharged in late 1945; and

Whereas Bob Feller, one of the greatest baseball players of all time, placed service to his country ahead of all else: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) honors Bob Feller for transcending the  
2 sport of baseball in service to the United States and  
3 the cause of democracy and freedom in World War  
4 II;

5           (2) recognizes Bob Feller as one of the greatest  
6 baseball players of all time; and

7           (3) extends its deepest condolences to the fam-  
8 ily of Bob Feller.