

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1401

Honoring John Wathan on his induction into the Kansas City Royals Hall  
of Fame.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. ALFORD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring John Wathan on his induction into the Kansas  
City Royals Hall of Fame.

Whereas John Wathan dedicated 47 years of service to the  
Kansas City Royals as a player, coach, manager, broad-  
caster, scout, instructor, and special assistant;

Whereas John Wathan played 10 Major League seasons with  
the Kansas City Royals from 1976 through 1985 and  
was a member of the Kansas City Royals' 1985 World  
Series championship team;

Whereas John Wathan played an integral role in the success  
of the Kansas City Royals, including contributing to the  
Kansas City Royals' first World Series championship in  
1985;

Whereas John Wathan remains the Major League Baseball single season record holder for stolen bases by a catcher, recording 36 stolen bases during the 1982 season;

Whereas John Wathan managed the Kansas City Royals from 1987 through 1991 and continued to serve the Kansas City Royals in numerous leadership roles following his managerial tenure;

Whereas, following his playing career, John Wathan continued to serve the Kansas City Royals as a coach, manager, broadcaster, scout, and mentor to countless players and baseball professionals;

Whereas John Wathan's commitment to excellence, leadership, and dedication helped shape generations of Kansas City Royals players and contributed significantly to the success and culture of the Kansas City Royals;

Whereas John Wathan's contributions helped establish the Kansas City Royals as one of Major League Baseball's premier franchises and brought pride to Kansas City, Missouri, and baseball fans throughout the State; and

Whereas John Wathan's lifelong devotion to baseball and the Kansas City Royals has earned him the admiration of fans throughout Missouri and across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates John Wathan on his induction  
3       into the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame;

4               (2) honors his distinguished career and decades  
5       of service to the Kansas City Royals; and

1           (3) recognizes his contributions to the sport of  
2           baseball and to the Kansas City community.

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