

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE IDAHO FALLS BANDITS BASEBALL TEAM.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, baseball has always been America's game; and
WHEREAS, nothing is more American than baseball, hot dogs, and apple
pie; and

WHEREAS, the "boys of summer" have played on for years, always playing
in a "field of dreams"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has not been known as a major force in base-
ball; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's boys nonetheless continued to dream; and

WHEREAS, dreams sometimes do come true, when coupled with hard work; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Falls Bandits legion team overcame incredible odds
to go to the 2019 American Legion World Series compiling a 61-6-1 record,
beating Fargo, North Dakota, in the final championship game of the American
Legion World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Bandits were unable to defend their championship in 2020
due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Bandits came back in incredible fashion to once again make
it to the 2021 American Legion World Series; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Bandits went 45-10-1 and beat Honolulu, Hawaii, 6-1 in
the championship game of the American Legion World Series; and

WHEREAS, 33 kids played on the two teams and one, Kai Howell, played in
both American Legion World Series championships; and

WHEREAS, numerous players received special recognition, including the
All-Tournament Team of: Nate Rose, shortstop; McGwire Jephson, third base-
man; Kai Howell, offensive player; and Merit Jones, pitcher; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 World Series MVP was Idaho Falls' own Nate Rose; and

WHEREAS, the real hero of both championship teams is their coach, Ryan
Alexander, who received the Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award in
recognition of the Bandits coaching staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature and the Governor recog-
nize the amazing accomplishments of Idaho's 2019 and 2021 championship base-
ball teams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize the great example these young
men have set both in and outside of the classroom and who, for a few short
weeks, brought our state together, cheering for these fine young men.