

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

CULTURE/REC/TOUR: Invites Major League Baseball to consider locating a franchise in the New Orleans area on a temporary basis if the team is unable to play games in its home stadium due to COVID-19 restrictions

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request Major League Baseball to consider locating a franchise in the New  
3 Orleans area temporarily if a team is unable to play games in their home stadium due  
4 to COVID-19 restrictions imposed by state or local government.

5 WHEREAS, some states and cities hosting Major League Baseball (MLB) franchises  
6 have imposed restrictions on commerce and sporting events, and teams may not be able to  
7 play in their home stadiums; and

8 WHEREAS, MLB has announced its intent to begin an abbreviated 2020 season in  
9 July; and

10 WHEREAS, it is unlikely that fans will be allowed to attend baseball games; and

11 WHEREAS, Zephyrs Stadium would be a potential site to host a baseball team in  
12 need of a facility in which to play; and

13 WHEREAS, Zephyrs Stadium is within a ten-minute drive of Louis Armstrong  
14 International Airport, allowing teams easy access to the facility; and

15 WHEREAS, temporarily stationing an MLB team in the New Orleans area would  
16 spur badly needed renovations to the stadium and contribute to efforts to land a minor league  
17 team in the near future.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request Major League Baseball to consider

- 1 locating a franchise in the New Orleans area temporarily if a team is unable to play games
  - 2 in their home stadium due to COVID-19 restrictions imposed by state or local government.
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Requests Major League Baseball to consider locating a franchise in the New Orleans area as a result of inability to operate in its normal facilities due to COVID-19 restrictions.