

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 562

Supporting the designation of August 24, 2021, as “Kobe Bryant Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2021

Mrs. STEEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of August 24, 2021, as “Kobe
Bryant Day”.

Whereas Kobe Bryant was a basketball legend that inspired
so many globally to pursue his or her dreams and taught
us that hard work truly pays off;

Whereas, in 1996, Bryant entered the NBA directly after
graduating Lower Merion High School in Ardmore,
Pennsylvania, and played for the Los Angeles Lakers for
20 seasons;

Whereas Bryant won five NBA championships, was an 18-
time All-Star, a 15-time member of the All-NBA Team,
a 12-time member of the All-Defensive Team, the 2008
NBA MVP, a two-time NBA Finals MVP winner, and a
two-time Olympic Gold Medalist;

Whereas Bryant was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on May 15, 2021;

Whereas, together with his wife Vanessa, Bryant founded the Bryant Family Foundation with a mission of “helping young people in need, encouraging the development of physical and social skills through sports and assisting the homeless”;

Whereas Bryant founded the Black Mamba Sports Academy to connect aspiring athletes with experts to help them achieve their goals;

Whereas Bryant was a beloved member of our community and a treasure to his neighbors in Orange County, California, and is one of the greatest basketball players of all time;

Whereas the basketball legend, father of four, tragically lost his life along with his daughter, Gianna (“Gigi”), Orange Coast College head baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and his daughter Alyssa, Christina Mauser, basketball coach at Harbor Day School in Corona del Mar, Sarah Chester and her daughter Payton, and pilot Ara Zobayan;

Whereas the Mamba and Mambacita Foundation, founded through the vision and loving memory of Kobe and Gianna Bryant continues this legacy with a mission to create positive impact for underserved athletes and young women in sports; and

Whereas, during his career with the Lakers, Bryant’s jersey numbers were 8 and 24, therefore a fitting day to celebrate his legacy would be August 24th: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
2 the designation of a “Kobe Bryant Day”, to be observed
3 with appropriate ceremonies and activities in furtherance
4 of Kobe Bryant’s mission to engage in community build-
5 ing, helping young people in need, encouraging aspiring
6 youth to follow their dreams, and living by Mr. Bryant’s
7 words: “The most important thing is to try and inspire
8 people so that they can be great in whatever they want
9 to do.”.

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