

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING
TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS
ON THEIR EXCHANGE IN HAVANA, CUBA

WHEREAS, in February, 2013, 18 Tamalpais High School varsity baseball players, 10 varsity softball players, one journalism student, five coaches, four teachers and one school board trustee became the first High School Baseball team in the United States of America to experience life in Havana, Cuba through the lens of its sport; and

WHEREAS, in travel, touring and play, the teams were ambassadors to Cuba from Tamalpais High School, Marin County, and the United States of America; as one student put it, "To know that we were representing not just us but U.S. baseball in general was a pretty big deal;" and

WHEREAS, this exchange to Cuba gave the students an opportunity to be more fully engaged in citizenship and to see and understand the challenges of living in a dynamic and diverse world – both stated goals for students on graduation from Tamalpais Union High School District; and

WHEREAS, for 18 years, Tamalpais High School's Global Studies Program, coordinated by Brian Zailian, has promoted understanding through "people to people" international exchange programs, including this most recent trip to Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the softball coaches Erin Lawley and Christina Amoroso and baseball coaches Michael Terry, Wes Canepa, and Aaron Gamboa accompanied the teams on their trip to Cuba and learned instructional techniques from Cuban coaches; and

WHEREAS, the Tamalpais High School teams played great games with teams in Cuba and celebrated the love of baseball shared by people in the United States and Cuba; and

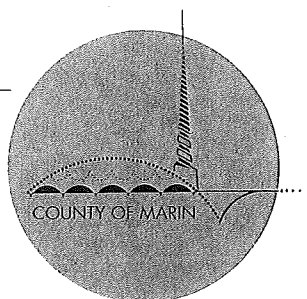
WHEREAS, representatives from the Cuban national baseball organization welcomed the Tamalpais High School teams and arranged time for the players to meet and work out with the Industriales, the Havana National team, on their national field; and

WHEREAS, the Tamalpais High School players and coaches collected bats, balls, uniforms, catcher's mitts and equipment from throughout Marin County to present to the Cuban National Baseball and Softball Associations in gratitude for their gracious welcome and hospitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does commend the student athletes of Tamalpais High School, their coaches, and the Tamalpais Union High School District trustees and administration for promoting friendship and understanding with the people of Cuba through the shared love of baseball and cultural exchange.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 26th day of March 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD – DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT



KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3