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Congratulating Ichiro Suzuki, outfielder for the Seattle Mariners, for becoming the first player in the history of Major League Baseball with at least 200 base hits in nine consecutive seasons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. HONDA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Ichiro Suzuki, outfielder for the Seattle Mariners, for becoming the first player in the history of Major League Baseball with at least 200 base hits in nine consecutive seasons.

Whereas, on September 13, 2009, Ichiro Suzuki, outfielder for the Seattle Mariners, became the first player in the history of Major League Baseball with at least 200 base hits in nine consecutive seasons, breaking a record that had stood for 108 years;

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki was previously tied with Willie Keeler, who recorded at least 200 hits in eight consecutive seasons between 1894 and 1901;

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki set the record with an infield single in the second inning of the second game of a double-header against the Texas Rangers;

Whereas only Pete Rose, with ten 200-hit seasons, and Ty Cobb, with nine 200-hit seasons, tie or surpass Ichiro Suzuki in the number of 200-hit seasons, although neither player accomplished that feat in consecutive seasons;

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki moved to the United States in 2001 to play for the Seattle Mariners, after playing nine years for the Orix Blue Wave in Japan;

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki became the first fielder in Major League Baseball who was born in Japan;

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki has played outfield for the Seattle Mariners since April 2, 2001, has earned eight consecutive Gold Glove awards, and has made nine consecutive All-Star game appearances; and

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki is the first Major League Baseball player to be inducted into the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
 2 nizes and congratulates Ichiro Suzuki, outfielder for the
 3 Seattle Mariners, for becoming the first player in the his-
 4 tory of Major League Baseball with at least 200 base hits
 5 in nine consecutive seasons.

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