Assembly Resolution No. 1274

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HONORING Carlos Beltran upon the occasion of his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and in recognition of his extraordinary career and philanthropic contributions

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished individuals whose achievements and service have made a lasting impact on their communities, their professions, and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carlos Beltran upon the occasion of his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, to recognize his extraordinary career and philanthropic contributions, and to warmly welcome him to the New York State Capitol on Tuesday, May 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Beltran, an exceptional athlete, humanitarian, and role model, has demonstrated excellence both on and off the field throughout his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of a remarkable 20-season career in Major League Baseball, Carlos Beltran distinguished himself as one of the game's most complete players, known for his elite switch-hitting ability, defensive excellence, and baserunning prowess; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Beltran proudly represented New York for 10 seasons, including seven seasons with the New York Mets from 2005 to 2011 and three seasons with the New York Yankees from 2014 to 2016, earning the admiration and respect of fans across the State; and

WHEREAS, Among his many extraordinary accomplishments, Carlos Beltran is one of only four players in Major League Baseball history to record at least 400 home runs, 300 stolen bases, and three Gold Glove Awards, and his 86.4 percent stolen base success rate stands as the highest among players with at least 300 steals; and

WHEREAS, His distinguished career includes numerous accolades, including being named American League Rookie of the Year in 1999, selection as a nine-time All-Star, recipient of three consecutive Gold Glove Awards and two Silver Slugger Awards, and the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award in 2013 in recognition of his community service; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Beltran competed at the highest level of baseball contributing to multiple postseason appearances and earning distinction as a World Series Champion in 2017; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his extraordinary achievements and lasting impact on the sport, Carlos Beltran has been elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and will be inducted on July 26, 2026,

with his plaque bearing a New York Mets cap; and

WHEREAS, Further honoring his legacy in New York, Carlos Beltran will be inducted into the New York Mets Hall of Fame on September 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his accomplishments in baseball, Carlos Beltran has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to philanthropy and community service; and

WHEREAS, Through the Carlos Beltran Foundation, established in 1999, he has supported education and youth development by providing scholarships and resources to students in Puerto Rico and the United States; and

WHEREAS, He also founded the Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy in 2011 to provide young athletes with high-level baseball training combined with a strong academic curriculum; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to education includes establishing a scholarship at Hostos Community College in the Bronx in 2014, further demonstrating his commitment to empowering students in New York; furthermore, through his annual "A Night in Old San Juan" gala, he has raised substantial funds to support scholarships and expand opportunities for underserved students; and

WHEREAS, In response to Hurricane Maria in 2017, Carlos Beltran generously donated one million dollars to support recovery efforts in Puerto Rico, exemplifying compassion and leadership in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Beltran's legacy is defined not only by his excellence in professional baseball but also by his enduring contributions to education, community development, and humanitarian causes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carlos Beltran upon the occasion of his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and to commend him for his outstanding career, exemplary character, and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carlos Beltran.