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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 12  
Author: Quirk-Silva (D) and Caloza (D), et al.  
Amended: 3/26/25 in Assembly  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Fernando Valenzuela Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution designates November 1, 2025, as Fernando Valenzuela Day, to highlight the positive impact his legacy created in the Latino and Hispanic community.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Fernando Valenzuela was born on November 1, 1960, in Etchohuaquila, a small town within the municipality of Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico.
- 2) Valenzuela began the 1981 Major League Baseball season as a last-minute replacement, making history as the first rookie to start opening day for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and delivered a dominant performance with a five-hit shutout against the Houston Astros.
- 3) Valenzuela capped his rookie season with eight consecutive wins, a World Series triumph over the New York Yankees, and an unprecedented achievement as the first and only player in Major League Baseball to win both the National League Cy Young Award and Rookie of the Year in the same season.
- 4) “Fernandomania” emerged from the admiration of the Latino community for Valenzuela, electrifying Dodger Stadium and every ballpark on the nights he took the mound. As a Mexican-born sensation for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Valenzuela’s journey transcended sports, becoming a powerful symbol of hope and pride within the Latino community.
- 5) After retiring from Major League Baseball in 1997, the pitching legend eventually found his way into the broadcasting booth at Dodger Stadium in

2003, and spent the rest of his life giving analysis in Spanish to a whole new generation of fans.

- 6) Valenzuela became a United States citizen on July 22, 2015, at a ceremony in downtown Los Angeles. Following Valenzuela's naturalization, President Obama appointed him a special ambassador for citizenship and naturalization, promoting the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of citizenship among eligible lawful permanent residents.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

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