

Date of Hearing: March 23, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 94 (Caloza) – As Introduced March 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Major League Baseball Opening Day 2026.

SUMMARY: Honors Major League Baseball Opening Day 2026 abroad and at home, and recognizes the teams' contributions to California's economy, culture, and identity. And, pledges to continue to support and promote baseball in California and to ensure that the state remains a hub of baseball excellence for years to come. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Professional baseball has a long and storied history in California, spanning centuries and geographies.
- 2) Today, California is home to five Major League Baseball (MLB) teams: the Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres, Los Angeles Angels, and the Athletics.
- 3) While the two MLB professional leagues, the National League and the American League, started in 1876 and 1901, respectively, California started its own league in 1887. Though that only lasted for two years, the state continued to establish various baseball leagues in 1891, 1893, from 1899 to 1902, from 1907 to 1909, 1941, then finally permanently in 1946.
- 4) The Brooklyn Dodgers' move out to Los Angeles in 1958 was the first cross-country move of any major league team in the United States, and the first major league team west of Kansas. The New York Giants followed in their footsteps by moving to San Francisco later that year. While the future of the league was originally in doubt, these moves proved instantly popular. On the opening day for the now Los Angeles Dodgers, an MLB attendance record was broken as 78,000 fans showed up at the gates ready to pay for tickets.
- 5) California's teams' accomplishments through the years include winning 16 World Series championships, 35 Most Valuable Player Awards, and countless All-Star selections. These teams have not only been a point of civic pride, but have also emphasized the importance of baseball as a sport that unites communities and inspires young people to pursue their dreams.
- 6) Baseball will continue to grow and evolve, and the sport and California will always be mentioned in close association. Our state is particularly proud to recognize our very own Los Angeles Dodgers for their historic back-to-back World Series Championship titles, and we welcome them back to the regular season.
- 7) The Legislature recognizes that California has rightfully earned the title of "the Baseball State." As of 2025, California has produced 2,520 MLB players, with 295 active players in 2025 being born in California. California has also produced 26 Hall of Fame players, second only to New York, the birthplace of American baseball.
- 8) The Legislature expresses gratitude to the fans who have supported the teams through thick and thin and who make baseball an integral part of California's sports landscape.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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