

**SR-197, As Adopted by Senate, December 10, 2014**

Senator Hunter offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 197.**

A resolution to urge the Detroit Tigers to retire the jersey numbers of Alan Stuart Trammel and Louis Rodman Whitaker, Jr.

Whereas, Trammel and Whitaker began their illustrious Detroit careers in 1977, remained teammates until 1995--playing 1,918 games together--and formed the longest continuous double-play combination in major league history; and

Whereas, Both players have a tremendous history with Detroit, playing in numerous All-Star games, culminating with a World Series Championship in 1984; and

Whereas, Trammel received the World Series MVP in 1984, four Gold Glove Awards, three Silver Slugger Awards, and was named the American League Comeback Player for 1983; and

Whereas, Whitaker received three Gold Glove Awards, four Silver Slugger Awards, and was named the American League Rookie of the Year in 1978; and

Whereas, Trammel collected both his 200th hit of the season and 1,500th career hit at the same time at bat (October 1, 1987) and had 20-game and 21-game hit streaks during the 1984 and 1987 seasons; and

Whereas, Whitaker ranks among Detroit's all-time leaders in many categories, including 1,197 bases on balls (No. 2 in franchise history) and 6,653 assists (No. 2 in franchise history); and

Whereas, Trammel and Whitaker completed more than 1,300 double-play combinations together; and

Whereas, In his 20-year career, Trammel batted .285, with 185 home runs, 1,003 RBI, 1,231 runs, 2,365 hits, 412 doubles, 55 triples, and 236 stolen bases; and

Whereas, In his 19-year career, Whitaker batted .276, with 244 home runs, 1,084 RBI, 1,386 runs, 2,369 hits, 420 doubles, 65 triples, and 143 stolen bases; and

Whereas, For the 1985 All-Star Game, Whitaker forgot to pack his uniform. He purchased a blank jersey at the ballpark, scrawled his number on the back with a marker, played the game, and later donated the jersey to the Smithsonian Institute, where it currently resides; and

Whereas, Trammel continued his work with the Detroit Tigers even after retiring as a player, first as the manager and now as a special assistant to the general manager; and

Whereas, Trammel and Whitaker made cameo appearances on “Magnum, P.I.” during the 1983 season; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Detroit Tigers to retire jersey Nos. 1 and 3 of Alan Stuart Trammel and Louis Rodman Whitaker, Jr., in appreciation for their dedication and years of service to baseball and the city of Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit Tigers organization.