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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) spoke late yesterday on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of a resolution he co-authored to honor Stockton resident, Stagg High School graduate and Oakland A's pitcher Dallas Braden, who recently pitched the 19th perfect game in Major League Baseball history.

The text of the Congressman's remarks, which has now been added to the official record of the U.S. House of Representatives, is below.

"I'm proud to congratulate Oakland A's pitcher and Stockton resident, Dallas Braden on pitching a perfect game on May 9, 2010.

"On Mother's Day, Dallas accomplished a feat that few ever have – going nine innings without allowing a single batter to reach first base. Dallas made history by pitching the 19th perfect game in Major League history.

"Dallas has been playing baseball his entire life. He grew up in Stockton and played baseball at Stagg High. He was drafted by the A's in 2004 and made his major league debut in 2007. Dallas is known for his community service in Stockton, and – let me tell you – Dallas – you've made our city proud. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dallas Braden on pitching a perfect game and I yield back."