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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 18, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Herbert P. "Herb" Douglas, Jr., as the oldest living  
2 African-American Olympic medalist and commending him on a  
3 lifetime of athletic, professional and philanthropic  
4 achievement.

5 WHEREAS, Born March 9, 1922, in the Hazelwood section of  
6 Pittsburgh, Herbert P. Douglas, Jr., attained distinction for  
7 his athletic ability while attending the University of  
8 Pittsburgh, where he won five intercollegiate championships as a  
9 member of the track team; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas also joined Jimmy Joe Robinson and Allen  
11 Carter as the first African-American men to play Pitt football;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During the XIV Olympic Games in London in 1948, Mr.  
14 Douglas was awarded the bronze medal for the long jump,  
15 traveling a distance of 7.54 meters; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Douglas posthumously honored his  
17 longtime mentor and friend Jesse Owens by establishing the

1 International Amateur Athletic Association and Awards to  
2 highlight athletic and philanthropic achievements; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas established the Jesse Owens Scholarship  
4 at The Ohio State University and the Herbert P. Douglas  
5 Scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh, funded by proceeds  
6 from the Jesse Owens International Athlete Trophy and Jesse  
7 Owens Global Peace Award dinners; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas was inducted into the Pennsylvania  
9 Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and received the University of  
10 Pittsburgh's Chancellor's Medal bestowed on those who make an  
11 indelible mark on the proud traditions, values and character  
12 inherent in that institution; and

13 WHEREAS, During a long career in the beverage industry, Mr.  
14 Douglas was named vice president of Schieffelin & Company,  
15 becoming the fifth African American in history to hold an  
16 executive position in a major corporation, following Jackie  
17 Robinson, Joe Black, Harvey C. Russell and Chuck Williams; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas has earned recognition for his enduring  
19 dedication to his sport, his philanthropic passion for promoting  
20 the success of African-American athletes and his unwavering  
21 support for his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Herbert  
24 P. "Herb" Douglas, Jr., as the oldest living African-American  
25 Olympic Medalist and congratulate him on a lifetime of  
26 professional, philanthropic and athletic achievement.