
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 142 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, JAMES, OLIVER, MYERS, A. H. WILLIAMS,
DONATUCCI, CURRY, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, CARN,
ROEBUCK, BISHOP, EVANS, McGEEHAN, LEDERER, JOSEPHS, PRESTON,
READSHAW, VAN HORNE, MICHLOVIC, M. COHEN, MELIO, ITKIN,
BOSCOLA, KAISER, CORPORA, CASORIO AND ROBINSON,
APRIL 16, 1997

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Marking April 15, 1997, as the 50th Year Anniversary celebrating
2 Jackie Robinson's breaking baseball major league's racial
3 barrier.

4 WHEREAS, Baseball legend Jackie Robinson was the first
5 African-American to play Major League Baseball; and

6 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson rose from poverty to become one of
7 the greatest athletes of our time; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson overcame tremendous racial prejudice in
9 an era that sanctioned segregation and became an icon for the
10 civil rights movement; and

11 WHEREAS, He was a role model for generations of African-
12 American youths and gave them hope that racial prejudice could
13 be overcome; and

14 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was named baseball's first "Rookie
15 of the Year" in 1947; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of

1 Fame with a lifetime batting average of .311; and

2 WHEREAS, Major League Baseball has dedicated this year's
3 season to the 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entry to the
4 league; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
6 15, 1997, as the 50th Year Anniversary celebrating and honoring
7 the achievements of Jackie Robinson and commemorate his legacy
8 in the world of baseball, to African-Americans and to all
9 Americans.