
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 15, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Major League Baseball to retire jersey number 21 in honor
2 of the lifetime achievements of the late Roberto Clemente.

3 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was born on August 18, 1934, in
4 Carolina, Puerto Rico; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente played 18 seasons in Major League
6 Baseball (MLB) as a right fielder and right-handed batter from
7 1955 to 1972 with the Pittsburgh Pirates; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente won the National League MLB Most
9 Valuable Player Award in 1966; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente died in a plane crash on December 31,
11 1972, while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in
12 Nicaragua; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was posthumously elected to the
14 National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973 as the first Latin
15 American to be selected and the only exception to the mandatory

1 five-year postretirement waiting period since it was instituted
2 in 1954; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Clemente was posthumously awarded the
4 Congressional Gold Medal and in 2002, the Presidential Medal of
5 Freedom; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a campaign under way nationwide for all
7 Major League Baseball teams to retire Mr. Clemente's jersey
8 number 21; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Major League Baseball to
11 retire jersey number 21 in honor of the lifetime achievements of
12 the late Roberto Clemente.