

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 130 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 11, 2013

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2013, as a day honoring the lifetime  
2 achievements and lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was the first athlete in the history  
5 of the University of California at Los Angeles to letter in four  
6 sports in one year; and

7 WHEREAS, On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first  
8 African American to play for a major league baseball team; and

9 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson, who began his career in the Negro  
10 Leagues, was named Rookie of the Year in 1947 and led the  
11 Brooklyn Dodgers to six National League pennants in ten years  
12 and a World Series Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson's inspiring career earned him

1 recognition as the first African American to win a batting  
2 title, lead the league in stolen bases, play in an All-Star  
3 game, play in the World Series and win a Most Valuable Player  
4 award; and

5 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of  
6 Fame in 1962 and was the first African American to receive this  
7 honor; and

8 WHEREAS, In March 1984, President Ronald Reagan posthumously  
9 awarded Jackie Robinson the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 29, 2003, the United States Congress  
11 posthumously awarded Jackie Robinson the Congressional Gold  
12 Medal, the highest award that it can bestow; and

13 WHEREAS, Major League Baseball renamed the Rookie of the Year  
14 Award the Jackie Robinson Award in his honor; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's legacy continues through the Jackie  
16 Robinson Foundation which provides scholarships to students in  
17 need; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's legacy helps to make the American  
19 dream more accessible to all; and

20 WHEREAS, To honor Jackie Robinson's historic achievements, in  
21 1997 Major League Baseball retired his number, 42, throughout  
22 baseball; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
24 15, 2013, as a day honoring the lifetime achievements and  
25 lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in Pennsylvania.