

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
14 recognition as the first African American to win a batting
15 title, lead the league in stolen bases, play in an All-Star
16 game, play in the World Series and win a Most Valuable Player
17 award; and

18 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of

1 Fame in 1962 and was the first African American to receive this
2 honor; and

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's legacy continues through the Jackie
11 Robinson Foundation which provides scholarships to students in
12 need; and

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

15 WHEREAS, To honor Jackie Robinson's historic achievements, in
16 1997 Major League Baseball retired his number, 42, throughout
17 baseball; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
19 15, 2013, as a day honoring the lifetime achievements and
20 lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in Pennsylvania.