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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 656 Session of
2006

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BIANCUCCI, BALDWIN AND COHEN, MARCH 17, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating legendary jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown.

2 WHEREAS, Clifford Brown was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on
3 October 30, 1930, began playing the trumpet at age 13 and was
4 later awarded a scholarship to study music at the University of
5 Delaware, which did not then have a music department; and

6 WHEREAS, In his professional life Clifford Brown played with
7 other jazz celebrities such as Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis,
8 Fats Navarro and Charlie Parker, and he is known foremost for
9 his collaborations with Max Roach; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1954, Clifford Brown and Max Roach formed the
11 Brown-Roach Quintet, which became one of the most popular post-
12 World War II jazz bands; and

13 WHEREAS, In the same year Clifford Brown wrote the jazz
14 classic "Joy Spring," which became one of his best-known songs;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, On June 26, 1956, Clifford Brown, Brown-Roach
3 Quintet pianist Richie Powell and Powell's wife were tragically
4 killed in an automobile accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike
5 while traveling from Philadelphia to Chicago; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
7 life of Clifford Brown, the celebrated and influential jazz
8 trumpeter, whose death occurred 50 years ago this June.