
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, FRANKEL, DePASQUALE, LEVDANSKY, JAMES, SABATINA, SHIMKUS, BISHOP, SAINATO, GIBBONS, PETRI, READSHAW, SOLOBAY, BRENNAN, GEORGE, KULA, SAYLOR, McGEEHAN, PARKER, PAYTON, MARKOSEK, STABACK, BAKER, BEYER, HARHAI, WOJNAROSKI, CALTAGIRONE, SANTONI, HERSHEY, MUSTIO, WHEATLEY, STURLA, WALKO, BOYD, MILLARD, PETRARCA, PALLONE, J. WHITE, MARSHALL, BLACKWELL, MAHONEY, DALEY, GEIST, RAMALEY AND PHILLIPS, JUNE 10, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 10, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to designate a day each year in honor of
2 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 humanitarian aid to earthquake
12 victims in Nicaragua; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was posthumously elected to the
14 National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973 as the first Latin

1 American to be selected and the only exception to the mandatory
2 five-year postretirement waiting period since it was instituted
3 in 1954; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to designate a
9 day each year in honor of the lifetime achievements of the late
10 Roberto Clemente.