
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 766 Session of
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SONNEY, THOMAS, TOEPEL, VEREB, WATSON, WHEELAND, YOUNGBLOOD
AND FARINA, APRIL 6, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 6, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2016, 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

1 title, lead the league in stolen bases, play in an All-Star
2 game, play in the World Series and win a Most Valuable Player
3 award; and

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

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson's legacy helps to make the American
18 dream more accessible to all; and

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

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
23 15, 2016, as a day honoring the lifetime achievements and
24 lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in Pennsylvania.