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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 165 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY MURT, KINSEY, BAKER, BIZZARRO, BULLOCK, D. COSTA,  
DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, DUSH, FREEMAN, GOODMAN,  
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MENTZER, MILLARD, NEILSON, PEIFER, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
ROEBUCK, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, TOOHL, WARD, WATSON AND  
BOBACK, MARCH 20, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 20, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2017, as a day to honor 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 10 years and  
12 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

1 award; and

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

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson's legacy makes the American dream  
16 more accessible to all; and

17 WHEREAS, To honor Jackie Robinson's historic achievements, in  
18 1997, Major League Baseball retired his number, 42, throughout  
19 baseball; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
21 15, 2017, as a day to honor the lifetime achievements and  
22 lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in Pennsylvania.