
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 16, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 15, 2019, 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, 2019, as a day to honor the lifetime achievements and
22 lasting influence of Jackie Robinson in Pennsylvania.