

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 362

Honoring the life of Coach Edward “Eddie” Robinson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Coach Edward “Eddie” Robinson.

Whereas Edward “Eddie” Robinson was born on February 13, 1919, in Jackson, Louisiana, as the son of sharecroppers;

Whereas Eddie Robinson graduated from McKinley Senior High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1937, earned a bachelor’s degree from Leland College in Baker, Louisiana, in 1940, graduated with a master’s degree in science from the University of Iowa in 1954, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Louisiana Tech University and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Yale University;

Whereas in 1941, Eddie Robinson began his coaching career at the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, renamed Grambling State University in 1974;

Whereas Eddie Robinson’s tenure at Grambling State University stretched from the start of his coaching career in 1941 to his retirement in 1997, a period that included 11 Presidents of the United States and several wars;

Whereas Eddie Robinson broke the record set by Bear Bryant as collegiate football’s “winningest” coach in 1985, became the first collegiate coach ever to win 400 games in 1995, and retired from coaching in 1997 with a record of 408 wins, 165 losses, and 15 ties;

Whereas throughout his coaching career, Eddie Robinson won 17 Southwestern Athletic Conference titles, 9 National Black College championships, and had only eight losing seasons;

Whereas Eddie Robinson received more awards than any other coach in history, and his name adorns streets throughout Louisiana, stadiums, and national awards; and

Whereas Eddie Robinson was a dedicated coach, educator, role model, husband, and father, and he will be remembered as one of college football’s most beloved coaches: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the life of Edward “Eddie” Robinson, and his service as
- 3 an educator, community leader, and outstanding coach.

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