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S. RES. 152

Honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2007

Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson.

Whereas Jackie Robinson was the first athlete in the history of the University of California at Los Angeles to letter in 4 sports in 1 year;

Whereas on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play for a major league baseball team;

Whereas Jackie Robinson, who began his career in the Negro Leagues, was named Rookie of the Year in 1947 and led the Brooklyn Dodgers to 6 National League pennants in 10 years and a World Series championship;

Whereas Jackie Robinson's inspiring career earned him recognition as the first African-American to win a batting title, to lead the league in stolen bases, to play in an All-

Star game, to play in the World Series, and to win a Most Valuable Player award;

Whereas Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962, the first African-American to receive such an honor;

Whereas in March of 1984, President Ronald Reagan posthumously awarded Jackie Robinson the Presidential Medal of Freedom;

Whereas on October 29, 2003, Congress posthumously awarded Jackie Robinson the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest award Congress can bestow;

Whereas Major League Baseball renamed the Rookie of the Year Award the Jackie Robinson Award in his honor;

Whereas his legacy continues through the Jackie Robinson Foundation that has provided over \$14,500,000 in scholarships to students in need;

Whereas Jackie Robinson's courage and dignity taught the Nation about the strength of the human spirit when confronted with seemingly immovable obstacles;

Whereas Jackie Robinson, in his career, demonstrated that how you play the game is more important than the final score;

Whereas Jackie Robinson's legacy helps make the American dream more accessible to all;

Whereas April 15, 2007, marks the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's first game in Major League Baseball; and

Whereas on April 15, 2007, over 200 players, managers, and coaches wore Jackie Robinson's number, 42, which was retired throughout Major League Baseball in 1997, to honor his achievements: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the achievements and contributions of
2 Jackie Robinson be honored and celebrated; that his dedi-
3 cation and sacrifice be recognized; and that his contribu-
4 tions to the Nation be remembered.

