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H. RES. 1730

Commending Bobby Thomson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. HARPER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Commending Bobby Thomson.

Whereas Bobby Thomson was born in 1923 in Glasgow, Scotland, the youngest of 6 children and emigrated to the United States with his mother and siblings in 1925 to join his father in Staten Island, New York;

Whereas Bobby Thomson grew up in Staten Island and became a baseball standout both in school athletic leagues and on the city's sandlots, signing with the New York Giants for \$100 a month after graduating from high school in 1942;

Whereas Bobby Thomson interrupted his professional baseball career in 1943 to enlist in the Army Air Corps,

training as a bombardier in Victorville, California, and serving through 1945;

Whereas Bobby Thomson rejoined the New York Giants in 1946, became a starter by 1947, and played with the Giants through 1953 with a batting average of .279 and an average of 25 home runs and 94 runs batted in (RBI) each season;

Whereas Bobby Thomson had a career-best season in 1949, compiling a .309 batting average, 27 home runs, and 109 RBI;

Whereas, on October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson stepped up to bat in the bottom of the 9th inning of the deciding game of a playoff for the National League pennant with the New York Giants trailing the Brooklyn Dodgers 2 runs to 4 and with runners on second and third and proceeded to knock Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca's second pitch down the left-field line and over the fence for a game-and pennant-winning 3-run home run;

Whereas that home run by Bobby Thomson became known as the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" and was so spectacular that it caused WMCA-AM broadcaster Russ Hodges to famously exclaim, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! Bobby Thomson hits into the lower deck of the left-field stands! The Giants win the pennant and they're goin' crazy, they're goin' crazy!";

Whereas Bobby Thomson continued his baseball career through 1963 and thereafter worked as a sales executive in order to, in his own words, "stay home more with my wife and daughter and live a normal life";

Whereas Bobby Thomson’s integrity, work ethic, and positive outlook helped him excel in private business and led him to become involved in nonprofit foundations, such as the New Jersey Arthritis Foundation, Tomorrow’s Children Fund, and the Optimist Club;

Whereas Bobby Thomson moved to Savannah, Georgia, in 2006, to be closer to his daughter after losing his wife and son and he quickly made friends in that community due to his warm demeanor and continued to live the life of a humble living legend, father, uncle, and grandfather; and

Whereas Bobby Thomson passed away during the evening of August 16, 2010, in his Skidaway Island home in Savannah at the age of 86: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends Bobby Thomson on his out-
3 standing baseball career and his famous 3-run home
4 run known as the “Shot Heard ’Round the World”;
5 and

6 (2) expresses admiration for the devotion of
7 Bobby Thomson to various charities and nonprofit
8 foundations after his retirement from baseball.

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