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# H. RES. 248

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SUTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring Glenn “Jeep” Davis for being one of the greatest  
Olympic hurdlers, an active member of his community,  
and life-long teacher.

Whereas Glenn “Jeep” Davis was born September 12, 1934,  
in Wellsburg, West Virginia;

Whereas Jeep Davis was the first freshman to play varsity  
basketball at Follensbee High School in West Virginia,  
even after a youth basketball coach told him “You’ll  
never be a good athlete.”;

Whereas Jeep Davis’ mother and his father, an ironworker,  
died within 12 hours of each other leaving behind a 15-  
year-old Jeep and 10 siblings;

Whereas Jeep Davis moved to Barberton, Ohio, after the  
death of his parents to live with relatives;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an All-Ohio honoree in football for the Barberton High School Magic's and he won the high school State track and field championship in 1954;

Whereas Jeep Davis won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics while a sophomore at Ohio State University;

Whereas Jeep Davis won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles and 1600-meter relay at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome;

Whereas Jeep Davis holds the Ohio State record for the outdoor 50-yard hurdles;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an 8-time Big Ten champion and won 26 Big Ten titles while at Ohio State;

Whereas Jeep Davis held 5 world records in hurdling;

Whereas Jeep Davis played in the National Football League with the Detroit Lions;

Whereas Jeep Davis was honored as the top amateur athlete in the United States when he was voted the James E. Sullivan Award winner in 1958;

Whereas Jeep Davis coached the track team at Cornell University from 1963 through 1967, leading the Big Red to the Ivy League title in his final season;

Whereas Jeep Davis was acknowledged by the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame as the greatest athlete in county history;

Whereas Jeep Davis was a coach, teacher, and mentor in Barberton, Ohio, for 33 years;

Whereas Jeep Davis returned to Barberton High School and taught mechanical drawing and driver's education;

Whereas Jeep Davis spent countless hours training athletes of all skill levels;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an assistant coach on the Barberton High School football team and was head coach of the track and field team;

Whereas Jeep Davis was a loving husband to his wife of 52 years, Delores, and father of 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and

Whereas, with the passing of Jeep Davis on January 28, 2009, in Barberton, Ohio, the Nation lost a talented athletic, caring mentor and teacher, active community member, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors the life of Glenn “Jeep” Davis;

3               (2) recognizes Jeep Davis for his invaluable  
4       contributions to American sports and to his commu-  
5       nity; and

6               (3) extends condolences to his family on the  
7       death of this talented and beloved man.

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