

TRIBUTE TO DON NEWCOMBE

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Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the 50th anniversary of the fall of the color barrier in major league baseball to honor and acknowledge the valuable contributions made by Mr. Don Newcombe, a constituent, and pitcher for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers

from 1948 to 1958. A contemporary of the legendary Jackie Robinson, Mr. Newcombe pitched in three World Series and four All-Star Games. He is the only man in the history of baseball to win Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and the Cy Young Award.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Newcombe has not been content to rest upon his accomplishments on the field of sport. He has continued his extraordinary career, and is now director of community relations for my home team, the Los Angeles Dodgers. He has traveled worldwide in this capacity to deliver lectures to youth and

adults on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. This year, Mr. Newcombe is being honored for his work as the recipient of an honorary doctorate in the humanities by Daniel Webster College in Nashua, NH.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Don Newcombe. He is a man who has made a difference in sport, in the humanities, and like many other black athletes, in the very structure of our society. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his full and productive career, and in wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.