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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 24, 1999, as Joe DiMaggio Day in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 8, 1999, Joe DiMaggio, considered by many to be the greatest baseball player who ever lived, passed away, and

WHEREAS, people across the United States and throughout the State of Florida are mourning the loss of this legendary American athlete who represented the epitome of athletic excellence and grace, and

WHEREAS, born on November 25, 1914, to Italian immigrant parents, Joe DiMaggio climbed his way to the top of America's pastime in a career characterized by a constant demonstration of his undying love for the sport, and

WHEREAS, following a remarkable 13-year career with the New York Yankees in which he led his team to ten American League pennants and nine World Series Championships, Joe DiMaggio was inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955, and

WHEREAS, both on and off the playing field, Joe DiMaggio was a man of quiet self-possession with a strong sense of privacy, and

WHEREAS, Joe DiMaggio sacrificed some of the privacy he so greatly valued to help ensure that children from all over the country were able to receive proper health care when he undertook the support of the operation of children's hospitals across the nation, and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Joe DiMaggio lent his name to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, where the

1 Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital was created to care for  
2 thousands of children battling numerous forms of illness, and  
3       WHEREAS, Joe DiMaggio enriched the community in which  
4 he lived through his fundraising and support of various  
5 nonprofit agencies, and  
6       WHEREAS, it is with a deep sense of loss and sadness  
7 that the City of Hollywood marks the passing of Joe DiMaggio,  
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9       WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Hollywood and the  
10 State of Florida join the rest of the nation in acknowledging  
11 the unique legacy of this great American athlete and gentleman  
12 and honoring his memory as they commemorate the passing of Joe  
13 DiMaggio, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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15 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
16 Florida:  
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18       That the House of Representatives of the State of  
19 Florida hereby designates March 17, 1999, as Joe DiMaggio Day  
20 in the State of Florida.  
21       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
22 be transmitted to the family of Joe DiMaggio as a tangible  
23 token of the sentiments expressed herein.  
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