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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending baseball great Jackie Robinson.

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4 WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was born to Jerry and Mallie
5 Robinson in Cairo, Georgia, on January 31, 1919, and was raised
6 in poverty by his mother during times of segregation, and7 WHEREAS, he attended Muir Technical High School and
8 Pasadena Junior College in Pasadena, California, and then went
9 on to the University of California, Los Angeles, where his
10 education continued until, just a few credits shy of his
11 bachelor's degree, he was forced to leave due to financial
12 issues, and13 WHEREAS, he began playing semi-professional sports in 1941
14 when he joined the Honolulu Bears, a racially integrated
15 football team, but his sports career was interrupted when, later
16 that same year, he was drafted into the United States Army, and17 WHEREAS, after existing policy was challenged and changed
18 to allow black men to attend Officer Training School, Jackie
19 Robinson was commissioned to Lieutenant in 1943, and20 WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged from service in 1944
21 and began his baseball career with the Kansas City Monarchs in
22 1945 upon joining the American Negro League, and23 WHEREAS, on October 23, 1945, Jackie Robinson began playing
24 for the Montreal Royals, thereby distinguishing himself as the
25 first black man to play for an all-white baseball team, NOW,
26 THEREFORE,
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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That Jackie Robinson is commended for possessing the
32 | unwavering courage and dedication that opened the doors to
33 | integration in professional sports.