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2010

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Andre Dawson in the year of his
3 induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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5 WHEREAS, on July 25, 2010, Andre Dawson, a native
6 Floridian, will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at
7 Cooperstown, New York, and

8 WHEREAS, in the 2010 balloting for the Hall of Fame, Andre
9 Dawson was the only major league player to receive the 75
10 percent of the votes cast by the Baseball Writers' Association
11 of America needed to gain entry to the Baseball Hall of Fame,
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13 WHEREAS, selected along with manager Whitey Herzog and
14 umpire Doug Harvey, Andre Dawson will be the only major league
15 player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010, and

16 WHEREAS, Andre Dawson graduated from Southwest Miami Senior
17 High School and Florida A&M University and began his major
18 league baseball career with the Montreal Expos, being named
19 National League Rookie of the Year in 1977, and

20 WHEREAS, nicknamed "The Hawk," Dawson played his first
21 eleven seasons with the Montreal Expos and, during his career
22 there, hit .285 with 225 home runs and 838 RBIs, and was named
23 to the National League All-Star team three times, and

24 WHEREAS, Dawson had 1,575 of his 2,774 career hits as a
25 member of the Expos, won six of his eight Gold Glove awards in
26 Montreal, and led the Expos to their only postseason series win
27 with a five-game victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in 1981,
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29 WHEREAS, Dawson then played six seasons with the Chicago
30 Cubs where he won the 1987 National League Most Valuable Player
31 Award after batting .287 with 49 home runs and 137 RBIs, thus
32 becoming the first member of a last-place team in major league
33 history to earn a Most Valuable Player award, and

34 WHEREAS, Dawson then played for two years with the Boston
35 Red Sox in the American League and for two years with the
36 Florida Marlins in the National League before retiring in 1996,
37 and

38 WHEREAS, besides being known for his strong arm in right
39 field, Andre Dawson finished his 21-year major league career
40 with impressive batting statistics, hitting 438 homers with
41 1,591 RBI's and a .279 career batting average, was an eight-time
42 All-Star, and also had a total of 314 stolen bases, all
43 accomplished while playing through twelve knee operations, and

44 WHEREAS, Dawson also holds the distinction, along with
45 Barry Bonds and Willie Mays, as one of only three players in
46 major league history to have hit 400 home runs and stolen 300
47 bases, and

48 WHEREAS, his 438 career home runs are the third-most by a
49 Florida native, behind Fred McGriff (493) and Gary Sheffield
50 (480), and

51 WHEREAS, Dawson and his wife, Vanessa, and their children,
52 Darius and Amber, reside in Florida, and

53 WHEREAS, following the 1987 season, South Miami honored
54 Andre Dawson by renaming a street "Andre Dawson Drive," and

55 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that, in the year of
56 his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Florida

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57 | Legislature recognizes Andre Dawson for his brilliant career in
58 | major league baseball and for his well-deserved induction into
59 | the Baseball Hall of Fame, NOW, THEREFORE,

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61 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
62 | Florida:

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64 | That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
65 | recognizes native Floridian, Andre "The Hawk" Dawson, for his
66 | numerous and significant achievements over the course of his 21-
67 | year career in major league baseball and offers its
68 | congratulations on his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame
69 | on July 25, 2010.

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71 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
72 | presented to Andre Dawson as a tangible token of the sentiments
 | expressed herein.