

HR 9073

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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 75-year partnership between
3 the City of Lakeland and the Detroit Tigers.

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5 WHEREAS, with the exception of a three-year interruption
6 during World War II, the Detroit Tigers have conducted their
7 spring training in the City of Lakeland since 1934, and

8 WHEREAS, as Spring 2011 marked the team's 75th season of
9 training in the city, the Detroit Tigers and the City of
10 Lakeland established the longest-lasting partnership between a
11 franchise and a host city in the history of Major League
12 Baseball, and

13 WHEREAS, during this time, Lakeland has hosted 14 members
14 of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame as they prepared for
15 their upcoming seasons, and

16 WHEREAS, built on the former site of the Lodwick School of
17 Aeronautics, a World War II flight school, Joker Marchant
18 Stadium and the Tiger Town training complex are known worldwide
19 as a first-class establishment that, through both preseason and
20 offseason training programs, prepares current team members for
21 upcoming competition and aids injured players in maintaining
22 their skills, and

23 WHEREAS, since 2000, over one million baseball fans have
24 visited Joker Marchant Stadium, ranking the Detroit Tigers and
25 the City of Lakeland among the Florida Grapefruit League's
26 leaders in annual attendance, NOW, 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 the City of Lakeland's longstanding partnership with
32 | the Detroit Tigers Baseball Team and the world-renowned Tiger
33 | Town baseball complex are proudly recognized for their
34 | invaluable contributions to professional sports and to the State
35 | of Florida.