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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Andre Dawson for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2010, Andre Dawson, a native Floridian, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York, and

WHEREAS, in the 2010 balloting for the Hall of Fame, Andre Dawson was the only major league player to receive the 75 percent of the votes cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America needed to gain entry to the Baseball Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, selected along with manager Whitey Herzog and umpire Doug Harvey, Andre Dawson was the only major league player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010, and

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

WHEREAS, nicknamed "The Hawk," Dawson played his first 11 seasons with the Montreal Expos and, during his career there, hit .285 with 225 home runs and 838 RBIs, and was named to the National League All-Star team three times, and

WHEREAS, Dawson had 1,575 of his 2,774 career hits as a member of the Expos, won six of his eight Gold Glove awards in Montreal, and led the Expos to their only postseason series win with a five-game victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in 1981, and

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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 2 years with the Boston Red
35 Sox in the American League and for 2 years with the Florida
36 Marlins in the National League before retiring in 1996, and

37 WHEREAS, besides being known for his strong arm in right
38 field, Andre Dawson finished his 21-year major league career
39 with impressive batting statistics, hitting 438 homers with
40 1,591 RBIs and a .279 career batting average, was an eight-time
41 All-Star, and also had a total of 314 stolen bases, all
42 accomplished while playing through 12 knee operations, and

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

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

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

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

54 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that, in the year
55 after his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Florida
56 Legislature recognizes Andre Dawson for his brilliant career in

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57 | major league baseball and for his well-deserved induction into
58 | the Baseball Hall of Fame, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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63 | That Andre "The Hawk" Dawson, a native Floridian, is
64 | recognized for his numerous and significant achievements over
65 | the course of his 21-year career in major league baseball and is
66 | offered congratulations on his induction into the Baseball Hall
67 | of Fame on July 25, 2010.

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