

House Resolution 553

By: Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Roberts of the 155th, Rice of the 95th, Duncan of the 26th, Brockway of the 102nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Chipper Jones, recognizing March 5, 2013, as Chipper Jones Day at the
2 capitol, and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Chipper Jones has long been recognized by the citizens of this state and
5 throughout the country for the way he played the game as a leader for the Atlanta Braves;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Chipper was selected by the Atlanta Braves as the number one overall pick in
8 the 1990 draft; and

9 WHEREAS, as Chipper came to the plate to bat, he was introduced more than 5,000 times
10 by the song "Crazy Train"; and

11 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Chipper won the 2008 National League batting title
12 with a .364 batting average; was awarded the 1999 National League Most Valuable Player
13 Award with a .319 batting average, 45 home runs, and 110 runs batted in; and was an
14 eight-time National League All-Star, a two-time Silver Slugger Award winner, and a member
15 of the 1995 World Series Championship team; and

16 WHEREAS, an extremely disciplined hitter, Chipper had the rare distinction for a power
17 hitter of earning more career walks than strikeouts; and as a switch hitter, he was a
18 remarkably consistent batter from both sides of the plate, batting .303 from the left side and
19 .304 from the right side, and is the only switch hitter in Major League Baseball history to
20 have a .300 career batting average and at least 400 home runs; and

21 WHEREAS, he holds Atlanta Braves records in games played, hits, doubles, home runs, runs
22 batted in, runs, walks, on base percentage, and slugging percentage and has more RBIs in
23 MLB history than any other player whose primary position was third base; and

24 WHEREAS, during his final season, Chipper continued to play at a high level, hitting a home
25 run in his first start of the season, achieving his first five-hit game at home, hitting a number
26 of walkoff home runs, and hitting a home run on his 40th birthday; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Atlanta Brave be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Chipper Jones for his dedication to the State of Georgia
31 and to the Atlanta Braves, recognize March 5, 2013, as Chipper Jones Day at the capitol, and
32 invite him to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
33 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chipper Jones.