

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ralph Garr for his legendary baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and upon his selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State University National Alumni Association Scholarship Gala.

WHEREAS, Ralph Garr grew up in Ruston, Louisiana; he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963 and attended Grambling State University, where he was a standout athlete; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garr played baseball for Grambling State University from 1964 until 1967; for three years at Grambling State University, he was the baseball team's leading hitter each year, and he led the country in hitting with a .582 batting average; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, he appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of *Sports Illustrated*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garr was selected as a first team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All American in 1967, and he was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the third round of the Major League Baseball draft; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, he played in the major leagues as an outfielder; he also played for the Chicago White Sox and the California Angels; and

WHEREAS, he was known as the "Road Runner" and won a National League batting title in 1974 with a .353 batting average; he has a lifetime batting average of .306; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the Grambling State University Alumni Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame, and the National College Baseball Hall of Fame; in 2008, he was elected to the International League Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, he was nominated for membership into the College Baseball Foundation's Hall of Fame, and on July 18, 2009, he was inducted into the Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he has worked as a professional baseball scout for the Atlanta Braves since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Garr, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits a special measure of commendation for his legendary baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and upon his selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State University National Alumni Association Scholarship Gala.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ralph Garr for his legendary baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and upon his selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State University National Alumni Association Scholarship Gala and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family and friends, his community, Grambling State University, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ralph Garr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES