## 2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

## BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

## COMMENDATIONS: Commends 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

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Ralph Garr for his legendary baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and upon
3	his selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State University National
4	Alumni Association Scholarship Gala.
5	WHEREAS, Ralph Garr grew up in Ruston, Louisiana; he graduated from Lincoln
6	High School in 1963 and attended Grambling State University, where he was a standout
7	athlete; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Garr played baseball for Grambling State University from 1964
9	until 1967; for three years at Grambling State University, he was the baseball team's leading
10	hitter each year, and he led the country in hitting with a .582 batting average; and
11	WHEREAS, in 1967, he appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of Sports
12	Illustrated; and
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Garr was selected as a first team National Association of
14	Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All American in 1967, and he was selected by the Atlanta
15	Braves in the third round of the Major League Baseball draft; and
16	WHEREAS, for thirteen years, he played in the major leagues as an outfielder; he
17	also played for the Chicago White Sox and the California Angels; and
18	WHEREAS, he was known as the "Road Runner" and won a National League batting
19	title in 1974 with a .353 batting average; he has a lifetime batting average of .306; and

1	WHEREAS, he is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the Grambling
2	State University Alumni Hall of Fame, the Atlanta Braves Hall of Fame, and the National
3	College Baseball Hall of Fame; in 2008, he was elected to the International League Hall of
4	Fame; and
5	WHEREAS, in 2009, he was nominated for membership into the College Baseball
6	Foundation's Hall of Fame, and on July 18, 2009, he was inducted into the Grambling
7	Legends Sports Hall of Fame; and
8	WHEREAS, he has worked as a professional baseball scout for the Atlanta Braves
9	since 1985; and
10	WHEREAS, Ralph Garr, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits a special measure of
11	commendation for his legendary baseball career with the Atlanta Braves and upon his
12	selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State University National Alumni
13	Association Scholarship Gala.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ralph Garr for his legendary baseball career
16	with the Atlanta Braves and upon his selection as the guest of honor at the Grambling State
17	University National Alumni Association Scholarship Gala and does hereby extend enduring
18	appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family and friends, his
19	community, Grambling State University, and the state of Louisiana.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21	to Ralph Garr.

## DIGEST

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