

Senate Resolution 382

By: Senator Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ron Blomberg and declaring April 6, 2007, as "Ron Blomberg Day" at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, certain qualities come to mind when one thinks of a hero: being able to
4 overcome adversity, persistent integrity, and perseverance through life's many obstacles; and

5 WHEREAS, Atlanta's own Rom Blomberg is just such a man as Major League Baseball's
6 first designated hitter and the "great Jewish hope" of the New York Yankees during the
7 1970s; and

8 WHEREAS, regarded by many as iconic, Ron is the epitome of boyhood dreams achieved;
9 and his story inspires anyone to believe their goals, no matter how difficult they may appear,
10 can be realized by maintaining a positive, determined attitude; and

11 WHEREAS, when Ron Blomberg was growing up in Atlanta, he dreamed of playing
12 baseball for the New York Yankees and made donning pinstripes his ultimate goal; and

13 WHEREAS, the journey to Yankee Stadium was not an easy one for Ron; not only did he
14 battle opposing pitchers, but the prejudice and persecution of his Jewish heritage often
15 provoked being shunned by many of his teammates and rejected by a segment of the team's
16 fan base; and

17 WHEREAS, nonetheless, Ron always reacted to adversities with class and dignity, often
18 using his Southern charm to win over the hearts and minds of those who initially rejected
19 him; and

20 WHEREAS, Ron was heralded as "the next Mickey Mantle," and he never failed to generate
21 productive seasons and was the Yankees team leader in batting average during the 1973
22 season; and

1 WHEREAS, it was on April 6 of that same season Ron came to the plate as Major League
2 Baseball's first-ever designated hitter, a role that secured his spot in the Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Ron retired from baseball in 1978, having earned both a special place in
4 baseball history and the admiration of baseball fans all over the world, and has continued to
5 give back through his charitable works to the communities that have provided him so much,
6 sharing with others the passion for the game of baseball and his heritage.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 join in commending Ron Blomberg and declaring April 6, 2007, "Ron Blomberg Day" at the
9 state capitol for his extraordinary contributions to baseball.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ron Blomberg.