

House Resolution 931

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Roosevelt Jackson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, living legend Mr. Roosevelt Jackson is a former Negro League Baseball player,
3 coach, manager, and scout who was honored by the United States Postmaster General on July
4 15, 2010, during the unveiling of the first United States postage stamp commemorating the
5 Negro Leagues; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born in Gay, Georgia, the beloved son of David and Globber
7 Martin, and at the age of 92, he is one of the oldest living Negro League Baseball
8 players/managers/scouts in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, his first athletic competition was in Florida at the age of 14 when he was picked
10 to box four other young men, and he continued to compete in the sport until his nose was
11 broken during a match in his mid-20's; and

12 WHEREAS, after his injury, Mr. Jackson focused his efforts on baseball and started his
13 illustrious baseball career in the 1930's with a traveling semi-pro Florida baseball team; and

14 WHEREAS, a talented center fielder and pitcher, Mr. Jackson played for numerous teams
15 throughout his career, including the Miami Globetrotters, the Buffalo Red Sox, the
16 Hollywood Redbirds, the Miami Red Sox, the Belle Glade Redwings, the Florida Cuban
17 Giants, the Lucky Stars, and the Danny Dodgers; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson served as a manager for the Ft. Lauderdale Braves, the Pompano
19 Beach Yankees, the Ft. Lauderdale Lucky Stars, and the Ft. Lauderdale Gray Sox and was
20 still playing for the semi-pro league in the 1950's when Jackie Robinson broke Major League
21 Baseball's color barrier; and

22 WHEREAS, as a scout he recruited outstanding black baseball players who went on to play
23 for farm camps and in Major League Baseball; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson is a living legend for the sport of baseball and it was a most fitting
25 tribute to his life's work that he was honored at the ceremony unveiling a postage stamp
26 honoring Negro League Baseball.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize Mr. Roosevelt Jackson for his amazing athletic career.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Roosevelt Jackson.