

House Resolution 448

By: Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Thomas of the 65th, Beverly of the 143rd, Williams of the 168th, and Holly of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hank Aaron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Hank Aaron on January 22, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hank Aaron was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama, a beloved son
5 of Herbert Aaron Sr. and Estella (Pritchett) Aaron; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served the State of Georgia and the nation as one of the greatest baseball
7 players of all time, and his 755 career home runs broke the long-standing MLB record set by
8 Babe Ruth; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1982, Hank Aaron was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame during his
10 first year of eligibility in recognition of his many MLB batting records and dedication to
11 athletic excellence; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Spingarn Medal in 1976 from the NAACP and the
13 American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Award in 1977, and on January 8, 2001,
14 he was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton; in June

15 2002, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush, the
16 nation's highest civilian honor; and

17 WHEREAS, an active member of Georgia communities and a successful businessman, Hank
18 Aaron served on the board of the Atlanta Technical College; and

19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member and supporter of
20 Friendship Baptist Church alongside his loving wife, Billye Aaron.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Hank Aaron and express
23 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Hank Aaron.