

Senate Resolution 961

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Dickerson of the 21st, Jackson of the 41st, Strickland of the 42nd, Parent of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Harlem Globetrotters upon their 100th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters were founded in 1926 on the South Side of Chicago,
4 Illinois, as a basketball entertainment team by Abe Saperstein, and this year represents 100
5 years of commitment to breaking down barriers and entertaining fans; and

6 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters have revolutionized the game of basketball by
7 combining elite athleticism with promoting innovation and entertainment as well as
8 showcasing excellence and sportsmanship; and

9 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters have made a profound impact, playing a pioneering
10 role in challenging racial barriers, expanding opportunities for Black athletes in the United
11 States and around the world, and contributing significantly to the integration and global
12 popularity of basketball; and

13 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters have served as ambassadors of goodwill, representing
14 the United States in over 120 countries, using sports to move beyond competition, and
15 promoting unity, respect, and cultural understanding; and

16 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to
17 empowering the youth by operating through the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation;
18 engaging through the Harlem Legends in speaking engagements and festival appearances;
19 and hosting a multitude of youth basketball clinics and camps, which emphasize teamwork,
20 perseverance, leadership, and inclusion; and

21 WHEREAS, the Harlem Globetrotters' legacy has influenced popular culture, inspired
22 generations of athletes, and affirmed the power of sports to challenge injustice and connect
23 people globally, completely defying barriers.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend the Harlem Globetrotters upon the grand occasion of their 100th
26 anniversary and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Harlem
29 Globetrotters.