

2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 11

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, COGGS and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: commending the public service of Henry Louis Aaron.
2	Whereas, Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile,
3	Alabama; and
4	Whereas, Henry "Hank" Aaron who, when his family could not afford baseball
5	equipment, undeterred by poverty, learned to play the sport by hitting bottle caps
6	with sticks; and
7	Whereas, Henry "Hank" Aaron, who after much discipline and hard work
8	earned the nickname the "Hammer," would go on to play baseball for the
9	Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League; and
10	Whereas, on June 14, 1952, Henry "Hank" Aaron, signed a contract to play
11	baseball for the Boston Braves and began playing for their farm team, the Eau Claire
12	Bears; and
13	Whereas, on April 13, 1954, he made his major league debut for the Milwaukee
14	Braves, becoming the last Negro League player to play in the major leagues; and

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1	Whereas, he spent the majority of his 23 major league seasons playing with the
2	Milwaukee Braves and the Milwaukee Brewers, during which time he led the Braves
3	to the 1957 World Series title; and
4	Whereas, he hit 755 home runs, breaking Babe Ruth's career home run record
5	and was thought to have been one of the most complete players of his era; and
6	Whereas, he courageously endured bitter racial discrimination, hate mail, and
7	death threats in the course of breaking that record and overcame Jim Crow laws
8	requiring him to make separate living arrangements during the season, even in
9	Milwaukee; and
10	Whereas, in spite of those hurdles, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of
11	Fame in 1982, his first year of eligibility, receiving 98 percent of the vote; and
12	Whereas, he has spent much of his post-playing career promoting programs to
13	encourage minority participation in baseball and, in 2002, received the Presidential
14	Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor; and
15	Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the
16	senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives
17	Sheridan, Schneider, Young, Grigsby, Vukmir, Sinicki, Mason, Fields, Benedict,
18	Turner, and Hintz; now, therefore, be it
19	Resolved by the senate, That the senate of the state of Wisconsin honors the
20	remarkable life and achievements of Henry "Hank" Aaron, both on and off the field
21	of baseball.
22	(END)