

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 286

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Earl Lloyd was born in Alexandria, Virginia on April 3, 1928;

Whereas Earl Lloyd first developed his passion for basketball at the city of Alexandria's segregated Parker-Gray High School;

Whereas Earl Lloyd was drafted by the NBA in 1950 as a ninth round pick by the Washington Capitols;

Whereas on October 31, 1950, Earl Lloyd became the first African-American to play in the NBA;

Whereas Earl Lloyd dissolved the color barrier in the NBA 3 years after Jackie Robinson had done the same in baseball;

Whereas Earl Lloyd proudly put his professional career on hold and served in the Army for 2 years before returning to the NBA;

Whereas Earl Lloyd played 560 NBA games and won a championship before retiring in 1960;

Whereas in 2003, Earl Lloyd was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; and

Whereas the newly constructed basketball court at T.C. Williams in his home town of Alexandria was named in his honor: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that Earl
 3 Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the
 4 color barrier and becoming the first African-American to
 5 play in the National Basketball Association League 58
 6 years ago.

Passed the House of Representatives March 5,
 2008.

Attest:

Clerk.

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