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H. CON. RES. 286

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2008

Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago.

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:

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.