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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew Lewis Cooper, a legend of baseball's Negro
2 League, was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in
3 Cooperstown in 2006 by special committee, and this unique honor
4 helps to further establish him as one of baseball's greatest
5 players; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Waco on April 24, 1898, Andy "Lefty" Cooper
7 was one of the most dominant pitchers to toe the mound during his
8 21-year career; as a pitcher for the Detroit Stars and the Kansas
9 City Monarchs, he posted an impressive 116-57 overall record, and
10 his 29 saves are a Negro League record; he also ranks in the
11 league's top 10 in career wins, strikeouts, shutouts, and winning
12 percentage; and

13 WHEREAS, The big Texan played seven seasons with Detroit
14 before he was traded to Kansas City for five players; in 1929, he
15 led the Monarchs to the Negro League pennant, and he later guided
16 the team to three league titles as player-manager, a role in which
17 he demonstrated his deep and abiding knowledge of the game of
18 baseball; and

19 WHEREAS, With an arsenal of devastating pitches, pinpoint
20 control, and incredible baseball acumen, Andy Cooper was a giant of
21 the game and one of his league's most popular players, and although
22 his untimely demise in 1941 left a void in the lives of his family,
23 friends, and many fans, his contributions to the game he loved
24 helped make it possible for future generations of African American

1 athletes to compete at the highest levels of sport; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize the induction of Andrew Lewis Cooper
5 into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and extend congratulations
6 to his family on this significant achievement; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the members of his family as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.