



H.CON.RES. 286 – 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

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 286 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative James Moran (D-VA) on January 29, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform approved the resolution by voice vote on February 26, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 286 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 286 resolves that it is 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.

BACKGROUND

Earl Lloyd was born in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 3, 1928, and first developed his basketball skills at the city of Alexandria's segregated Parker-Gray High School.

Mr. Lloyd was drafted by the NBA in 1950 as a ninth round pick by the Washington Capitols, and became the first African-American to play in the NBA. Mr. Lloyd's playing in the NBA came just three years after Jackie Robinson became the first African-American player in baseball.

Mr. Lloyd put his professional basketball career on hold, and served in the Army for 2 years before returning to the NBA, where he played in 560 NBA games and won a championship. Mr. Lloyd retired in 1960, and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

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