

## House Resolution 1095

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing Edwin Moses; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses, born on August 31, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio, is an American  
3 former track and field athlete renowned for his outstanding contributions to the sport; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he began his athletic career first on the UTOPIAN track club and later on his  
5 high school team in the 180 yard low hurdles and 440 yard dash; and
- 6 WHEREAS, guided by his parents' influence on him as educators, he accepted a dual-degree  
7 academic scholarship in engineering from Morehouse College rather than an athletic  
8 scholarship elsewhere; and
- 9 WHEREAS, although there was no track at Morehouse College in 1976, Moses trained for  
10 the Olympic trials by jumping fences at public high school facilities around Atlanta and  
11 subsequently won the trials in the 400-meter hurdles with an American record of 48.30  
12 seconds, making his first Olympic team; and

13 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses achieved unprecedented success, winning gold medals in the  
14 400m hurdles at the 1976 and 1984 Olympics and setting a world record four times in the  
15 event; and

16 WHEREAS, he took a leave of absence from his associate test engineer position at General  
17 Dynamics in 1979 to pursue athletics full-time, and upon the passage of the U.S. Amateur  
18 Sports Act in Congress in 1978, he set out to improve training conditions and financial  
19 support mechanisms for American athletes; and

20 WHEREAS, he persuaded The Athletics Congress (TAC) to advocate the liberalization of  
21 the international and Olympic eligibility rules by adopting a revolutionary concept to provide  
22 revenue through an Athletes Trust Fund program which would enable athletes to create  
23 accounts administered by their respective sport bodies, within which government or privately  
24 supplied stipends, direct payments, and monies derived from commercial endorsements could  
25 be deposited and periodically drawn from by an athlete training and other expenses without  
26 jeopardizing Olympic eligibility; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award  
28 given to American citizens by the US Congress, given to him and his 1980 US Olympic  
29 teammates for their personal sacrifices when they were forced to boycott the 1980 Olympic  
30 Games in Moscow; and

31 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses demonstrated unparalleled excellence with his consecutive 122  
32 race winning streak, a testament to his skill, dedication, and dominance in the arena of track  
33 and field; and

34 WHEREAS, beyond his athletic prowess, Edwin Moses was an innovative reformer in areas  
35 such as Olympic eligibility and drug testing, contributing significantly to the improvement  
36 of standards and ethics in sports; and

37 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses's remarkable career extended beyond competition, as in 2012 he  
38 was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Anti-Doping Agency  
39 (USADA); and

40 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses's outstanding achievements earned him numerous accolades,  
41 including being named "The Greatest 400m Hurdler of All Time" by *Track & Field News*  
42 and receiving the 1980 *Track & Field News* Athlete of the Year award despite the U.S. led  
43 boycott of the Moscow Olympics; and

44 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses's dedication to clean and fair competition continued in his role  
45 as Chairman Emeritus of USADA, contributing to the reduction of illegal,  
46 performance-enhancing substances in athletics; and

47 WHEREAS, after his retirement from track, Edwin Moses achieved success in bobsledding,  
48 winning a bronze medal in a 1990 World Cup race at Winterberg, Germany, and later  
49 receiving an MBA from Pepperdine University; and

50 WHEREAS, in 2000, Moses was elected as the inaugural Chairman of the Laureus World  
51 Sports Academy, which promotes participation in sports and utilizing sports as a tool for  
52 positive social change around the world; and

53 WHEREAS, Edwin Moses's contributions extend to education, as he received an honorary  
54 doctorate from the University of Massachusetts Boston in May 2009 for his efforts to  
55 maintain the integrity of Olympic sports and his use of sports for positive social change.

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
57 the members of this body honor and recognize Edwin Moses for his exceptional  
58 accomplishments in the field of athletics, his commitment to integrity in sports, and his  
59 influential role in shaping the landscape of track and field.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
61 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
62 Edwin Moses.