

House Resolution 1603

By: Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Fludd of the 64th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Roberts of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Marquis Deon Grissom and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Grissom was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Lakeshore High School
4 where he excelled in baseball; and

5 WHEREAS, he went on to play for Florida A&M University, and in 1988 was selected by
6 the Montreal Expos where he worked as a position player; and

7 WHEREAS, Grissom was ultimately traded to the Atlanta Braves, and in his first season they
8 won the World Series with Grissom securing the final out by catching a fly ball; and

9 WHEREAS, he played his final major league years with the San Francisco Giants, who
10 dubbed him a "class act" and a "clubhouse" leader, and in 2003 won the Willie Mac Award
11 for his spirit and leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, Grissom retired in March 2006 after a successful 17-year career and currently
13 resides in College Park, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he was hired to become the Washington Nationals first base coach for the 2009
15 season in October 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Marquis Grissom leads by example both on and off the field; he sponsors six
17 Little League teams and assists in funding a home school that provides food and shelter for
18 children without parents; and

19 WHEREAS, this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence
20 by performing with precision and dedication over years of training and competition, and it
21 is abundantly proper to recognize him for his many accomplishments.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend Marquis Deon Grissom for his successful career in
24 professional baseball and for his devotion to his community and invite him to be recognized
25 by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the
26 House of Representatives.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marquis Deon Grissom.