

House Resolution 1747

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Ty Cobb Museum; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia has been the birthplace of many great athletes but perhaps none more
3 so than Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb; born in an unincorporated portion of Banks County
4 outside of Royston in 1886, Ty Cobb is considered by many to be the greatest baseball player
5 in American history; and

6 WHEREAS, the eldest of three children, he grew up in Royston, under the watchful eyes of
7 his father, who was a schoolteacher, principal, newspaper editor, state senator, and county
8 school commissioner; and

9 WHEREAS, during his 24 seasons of playing baseball, he broke a .300 batting average an
10 incredible 23 times; and

11 WHEREAS, Ty Cobb used his speed and precision hitting to earn the highest batting average
12 in the history of the game at .367, also attaining 892 stolen bases and 4,191 hits; and

13 WHEREAS, he played a majority of his career with the Detroit Tigers, was a leader in runs
14 scored with 2,245, and took the Tigers to the World Series in 1907, 1908, and 1909; and

15 WHEREAS, Ty Cobb was the Baseball Hall of Fame's first inductee in 1936; and

16 WHEREAS, a generous philanthropist, he donated funding for the construction of a 24 bed
17 hospital in Royston that opened in 1950 and grew into the Ty Cobb Healthcare System; and

18 WHEREAS, he also endowed the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation, which has now awarded
19 more than \$17 million in scholarships to thousands of students from across the State of
20 Georgia and has enriched many communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the Ty Cobb Museum exists to teach and share the real legacy of Royston's
22 most famous resident, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the anniversary of this
23 extraordinary museum be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the Ty Cobb Museum on the occasion of its 20th
26 anniversary, commend it for its years of valuable work on behalf of Ty Cobb's legacy and
27 that of the community of Royston, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
28 success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Ty Cobb Museum.