

Senate Resolution 730

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and Rahman of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Otis Junior Nixon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Otis Junior Nixon, born January 9, 1959, is an American former professional
3 baseball center fielder; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he played in Major League Baseball for the New York Yankees, Cleveland
5 Indians, Montreal Expos, Atlanta Braves, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, Toronto Blue
6 Jays, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Minnesota Twins and made a final return to the Atlanta
7 Braves in a career that spanned from 1983 to 1999; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Nixon stole more bases than any other player during the 1990s (478); and
- 9 WHEREAS, in his career, Nixon batted .270 with 11 home runs, 318 RBI, 878 runs, 1,379
10 hits, 142 doubles, 27 triples, and 620 stolen bases in 1,709 games; and
- 11 WHEREAS, this stellar individual epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and
12 character necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance; and

13 WHEREAS, Nixon shares the single game stolen base Major League record with six on June
14 16, 1991, and also holds the Atlanta Braves single season record for stolen bases with 72 in
15 1991; and

16 WHEREAS, in the 1999 National League Championship Series, 40-year-old Nixon made
17 one of the key plays to save the series for the Braves; and

18 WHEREAS, Nixon, a pinch runner at first base with one out, changed the momentum of the
19 game and the series by stealing second and going to third when the throw went into center
20 field; and

21 WHEREAS, Nixon went on to score the tying run, and the Braves eventually won the game
22 and series in extra innings; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this
24 accomplished and gifted individual, as well as the pride, honor, and respect he has brought
25 to himself and all the teams he has played with, be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Otis Junior Nixon and extend best wishes for success in the future.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Otis Junior Nixon.