

# House Resolution 32 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY RAECKER and FORD  
1 3 A Resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of  
1 4 the Drake Relays.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Drake University, in the heart of Des  
1 6 Moines, Iowa, will host the centennial Drake Relays in  
1 7 April 2009; and  
1 8 WHEREAS, just five years after being held in a  
1 9 blizzard in 1910, the Drake Relays was recognized as  
1 10 the third-largest track and field event in the world;  
1 11 and  
1 12 WHEREAS, the Drake Relays is one of Iowa's premier  
1 13 events, an annual multiday festival that has expanded  
1 14 beyond the campus of Drake University to encompass  
1 15 several venues throughout the Des Moines area; and  
1 16 WHEREAS, the Relays' high school track and field  
1 17 events attract hundreds of young men and women  
1 18 athletes and their supporters and families from all  
1 19 over Iowa; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, upon entering its second century the Drake  
1 21 Relays have grown to become one of the largest and  
1 22 most important track meets in the United States,  
1 23 attracting top collegiate and professional talent; and  
1 24 WHEREAS, over the decades a host of famous athletes  
1 25 and personalities have participated in the Drake  
1 26 Relays, including: fabled Olympic sprinter Jesse  
1 27 Owens; radio announcer and future President Ronald  
1 28 Reagan; Big Eight champion high jumper and future NBA  
1 29 Hall-of-Famer Wilt Chamberlain; world-record miler Jim  
1 30 Ryun; world-record decathlete Bruce Jenner; nine-time  
2 1 Olympic gold medal winner Carl Lewis; Pan American  
2 2 Games silver medal distance runner Cindy Bremser; NCAA  
2 3 champion distance runner Steve Scott; four-time  
2 4 Olympian high jumper Amy Acuff; and Iowa athletes Lori  
2 5 "Lolo" Jones and Natasha Kaiser-Brown; and  
2 6 WHEREAS, as part of this centennial event, 10 men  
2 7 and 10 women who have competed in the Relays will be  
2 8 named as Athletes of the Century; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 10 That the House of Representatives honors and  
2 11 congratulates Drake University as the Drake Relays is  
2 12 poised to enter its second century of excellence,  
2 13 achievement, and excitement.  
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