

House Resolution 37 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY RAECKER, FORD, and HELLAND
1 3 A Resolution commemorating 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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