

HB 1670 -- JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

SPONSOR: Dunn

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 24 to 0.

This bill designates April 15 of each year as "Jackie Robinson Day" in Missouri and encourages citizens to observe the day in honor of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play major league baseball.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill recognizes an outstanding individual who broke racial barriers, not only in sports, but in life.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dunn and Bob Kendrick, Negro League Baseball Museum.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.