



H.RES. 1242 – HONORING THE LIFE, MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF LOUIS JORDAN ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1242 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Vic Snyder (D-AR) on June 5, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1242 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1242 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors the life of Louis Jordan, on the 100th anniversary of his birth; and
- Recognizes his important contributions to American music as a musician, composer, and entertainer.

BACKGROUND

Louis Jordan was born in Brinkley, Arkansas, on July 8, 1908. Known as the “Father of Rhythm and Blues” and “The King of the Jukebox,” Mr. Jordan was one of the most popular and successful African American bandleaders of his time. He had several records that sold over a million copies and often was at the top of the music charts. He was also an actor and appeared in a variety of short musical films and played cameo roles in other movies.

Mr. Jordan was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and both Rolling Stone Magazine and Billboard have named him one of the greatest and most influential artists of all time. In 2008, Mr. Jordan will be featured on a U.S. Postal Service stamp.

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