

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-284213

ADOPTED ON JUL 05 1994

WHEREAS, for nearly a half-century, from 1898 to 1946, black men were barred from organized leagues by an unwritten rule, and behind this color line there developed a unique spectacle called Negro Baseball; and

WHEREAS, they were professional baseball players, some of them the equals of the greatest major leaguers, with one other common tie: they were all Negroes; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Pepper" Sharpe was the oldest child of 12 children, and his desire to play baseball was so deeply rooted that he left his job as a porter in Memphis and joined the Memphis Red Sox; and

WHEREAS, during Pepper's career, his batting average was .333, and he pitched a no-hitter against the Kansas Monarchs; and

WHEREAS, he is an avid baseball fan to this day, and you can find him at his house with his wife of 40 years, Leila Sharpe, listening to the game on the radio or watching his favorite team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, on T.V.; and

WHEREAS, Pepper moved to San Diego in 1956 and retired from Solar and General Dynamics after 18 years; and

WHEREAS, he became the owner of the Love Nest Bar-B-Que Pit that was located in downtown San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego,

does hereby commend Mr. Robert "Pepper" Sharpe for all his accomplishments, and not letting anyone stop him from achieving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 24, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ROBERT 'PEPPER' SHARPE DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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