

104TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 279

To commend Dr. LeRoy T. Walker for his service as President of the United States Olympic Committee and his lifelong dedication to the improvement of amateur athletic opportunities in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 1996

Mr. STEVENS submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. LeRoy T. Walker for his service as President of the United States Olympic Committee and his lifelong dedication to the improvement of amateur athletic opportunities in the United States.

Whereas Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, as President of the United States Olympic Committee from 1992 to 1996, and through a life long commitment to amateur athletics, has significantly improved amateur athletic opportunities in the United States;

Whereas Dr. Walker has contributed in numerous capacities with the United States Olympic Committee since 1977;

Whereas Dr. Walker is the first African-American to serve as President of the United States Olympic Committee in its one hundred year history;

Whereas Dr. Walker has furthered amateur athletics in the United States through service in numerous other amateur athletic organizations, including the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, the North Carolina Sports Development Commission, the Pan American Sports Organization, the Special Olympics, USA Track and Field, the Athletics Congress, the Amateur Athletic Union, the Army Specialized Training Program, the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, North Carolina Central University, Duke University, Prairie View State College, Bishop College, Benedict College, and many others;

Whereas Dr. Walker was an accomplished athlete himself in collegiate football, basketball and track at Benedict College, and an All-American in football in 1940;

Whereas, as a track and field coach, Dr. Walker helped 77 All-Americans, 40 national champions, 8 Olympians, and hundreds of others, reach their potential as amateur athletes;

Whereas Dr. Walker epitomizes the spirit of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, the Nation's law governing amateur sports;

Whereas, Dr. Walker was inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame in 1987;

Whereas Dr. Walker is recognized as a worldwide leader in the furtherance of amateur athletics;

Whereas Dr. Walker will be leaving his post as the 23d President of the United States Olympic Committee in 1996:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends and thanks Dr.
2 LeRoy T. Walker for his service with the United States
3 Olympic Committee, his lifelong dedication to the improve-
4 ment of amateur athletics, and for the enrichment he has
5 brought to so many Americans through these activities.

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