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## ALLARD COSPONSORS BILL TO AWARD JACKIE ROBINSON A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL LEGISLATION RECOGNIZES BASEBALL LEGEND'S CONTRIBUTION ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) recently announced he has teamed up with U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-MA) to sponsor Senate Bill 300, legislation to give Jackie Robinson a congressional gold medal (posthumously) in recognition of his many contributions to the nation and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

“The courage of Jackie Robinson is an important part of sports and American civil rights history,” said U.S. Senator Wayne Allard. “His incredible accomplishments on the field are only surpassed by his legacy off the field and outside of baseball,” added Allard.

Jackie Robinson was the first black player to play Major League Baseball back in 1947, when the Brooklyn Dodgers signed him. He was voted the National League’s Most Valuable Player by the Baseball Writers Association in 1949 and in 1962 was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Following his retirement from baseball he became a leader in the civil rights movement.

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