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Memorandum

November 9, 1995

To: Mayor Katz
Commissioner Hales
Commissioner Kafoury
Commissioner Lindberg

From: Commissioner Blumenauer 

Re: "Artie Wilson Day"

I would like to take this opportunity to show appreciation to a man who has brought honor upon himself and the City through his achievements in the sport of baseball. Portland's very own Artie Wilson was inducted into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame on October 27, 1995, in Kansas City. In this 75th anniversary year of the League's founding, 216 surviving players reunited at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum for the anniversary celebration, including the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Artie Wilson began his long and distinguished baseball career in 1942 as the leadoff man and shortstop for the Birmingham Black Barons. In 1949 he joined the Pacific Coast League's Oakland team where he led the league in stolen bases and hitting with a .348 batting average. In 1950 he helped lead that Oakland team to a pennant victory. Artie then achieved the dream of baseball players everywhere and went to play for a major league team, the New York Giants. In 1955, he again joined the Pacific Coast League, this time

as a much loved member of the Portland Beavers and chose to make Portland his permanent hometown.

After retiring from baseball in 1959, Artie and his wife, Dorothy Wilson, returned to Portland and raised their two children, Zoe Wilson Price and Artie Wilson II.

Artie has continued to be a source of pride for the Rose City with his 1989 induction into the State of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, and now his induction into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame last month. To show our appreciation for all of Artie Wilson's contributions to the sport of baseball and to the City of Portland, please join me in declaring November 15th, 1995, "Artie Wilson Day". Let us say thank you to a great citizen, athlete, and inspiration.

RESOLUTION No. 35462

Declare November 15th, 1995 as "Artie Wilson Day", in recognition of his contributions to the sport of baseball and to the City of Portland.

WHEREAS, Artie Wilson started his long and distinguished baseball career in 1942 as the premier leadoff man and shortstop for the Birmingham Black Barons; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Artie Wilson joined the Pacific Coast League's Oakland team where he was not only the league leader in hitting and stolen bases, but helped lead the team to a pennant victory in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Artie Wilson achieved the dream of baseball players everywhere when he went to play for a Major League team, the New York Giants; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 Artie again joined the Pacific Coast League, this time as a much loved member of the Portland Beavers, making Portland his permanent hometown; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from baseball in 1959, Artie Wilson returned to Portland with his wife, Dorothy, and raised their two children, Zoe and Artie II; and

WHEREAS, Artie was honored by the State of Oregon in 1989, for his baseball prowess with an induction into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, and by Puerto Rico in 1993, with an induction into the Puerto Rico Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Artie has once again brought great honor upon himself and the City of Portland with his recent induction into the Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame at a ceremony attended by the 216 surviving players on October 27th, 1995, in Kansas City at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a show of appreciation for the great honor Artie Wilson has bestowed upon his name and the City of Portland through his achievements in the sport of baseball, November 15th, 1995, is hereby declared "Artie Wilson Day".

Adopted by the Council: NOV 15 1995

Earl Blumenauer
November 15, 1995

BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland
By *Barbara Olson*
Deputy

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NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Auditor		Lindberg	Lindberg	✓	
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	✓	