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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 11, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and extending condolences to the family of  
2 Cardinals baseball star Stan Musial.

3 WHEREAS, Stan Musial, a Donora, Pennsylvania native who was  
4 nicknamed "Stan the Man" and considered by many as one of the  
5 greatest hitters in baseball history, passed away on January 19,  
6 2013, at the age of 92; and

7 WHEREAS, Stan Musial, the son of Polish immigrants, was born  
8 on November 21, 1920. Mr. Musial started his baseball career by  
9 playing for the Donora High School baseball team; and

10 WHEREAS, Stan Musial signed a professional contract with the  
11 St. Louis Cardinals in 1938 as a pitcher but, by the time of his  
12 major league debut in 1941, he was converted into an outfielder;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Stan Musial, noted for his unique baseball stance

1 and consistent hits, helped the Cardinals win the World Series  
2 in 1942 during his first full season. Mr. Musial also helped the  
3 Cardinals win the World Series again in 1944 and 1946; and

4 WHEREAS, Stan Musial continued his memorable baseball career  
5 with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1941-1963. Mr. Musial missed  
6 only the 1945 season due to his service with the United States  
7 Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, Stan Musial led the National League in 1943 in six  
9 offensive categories and earned the Most Valuable Player Award.  
10 In addition, he was selected to the All-Star team that same year  
11 and every year until his retirement for a total of 24 All-Star  
12 appearances; and

13 WHEREAS, Stan Musial again won the Most Valuable Player Award  
14 in 1946 and 1948; and

15 WHEREAS, Stan Musial retired in 1963 with career statistics  
16 of a 0.331 batting average, 3,630 hits and 475 home runs; and

17 WHEREAS, Stan Musial was most noted for his humility and  
18 sportsmanship, including asking his team for a pay cut when he  
19 felt his physical condition and performance were not up to par;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Stan Musial served as the Cardinals' general manager  
22 in 1967 and secured the pennant and World Series before leaving  
23 the position; and

24 WHEREAS, Stan Musial also supervised various businesses and  
25 managed restaurants after his retirement from baseball; and

26 WHEREAS, Stan Musial was also a loving husband and father to  
27 his wife, Lillian, and their four children, Richard, Gerry,  
28 Janet and Jeanie. Mr. Musial and his wife enjoyed almost 72  
29 years of marriage before Lillian's death in 2012; and

30 WHEREAS, Stan Musial was awarded the Presidential Medal of

1 Freedom, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a civilian in  
2 the United States, by President Obama on February 15, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Stan Musial exhibited a remarkable and historic  
4 baseball career; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
6 and extend condolences to the surviving family of Stan Musial.