

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 563

Honoring the life and legacy of Charles Isham Taylor on the 100th anniversary of his passing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2022

Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Charles Isham Taylor on the 100th anniversary of his passing.

Whereas Charles Isham Taylor (referred to in this preamble as “Taylor”) was born on January 20, 1875, in Anderson, South Carolina;

Whereas Taylor joined the United States Army and served as a private with the Buffalo Soldiers of the Tenth Cavalry Regiment during the Spanish-American War;

Whereas, in 1899, Taylor enrolled at Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he joined the Clark College baseball team as the starting third baseman;

Whereas, in 1904, Taylor started the first Black professional baseball team in Birmingham, Alabama, the Birmingham Giants;

Whereas Taylor moved to Indiana in time for him to assume the leadership of the West Baden Sprudels for the 1910 season;

Whereas, in 1914, Taylor became an owner and team manager of the Indianapolis ABCs, along with Thomas Bowser;

Whereas, under the leadership of Taylor, the West Baden Sprudels and the Indianapolis ABCs had notable success against several Major-Minor League all-star teams;

Whereas Taylor was also co-founder and vice president of the Negro National League;

Whereas Taylor passed away on February 23, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 47; and

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum awards the C.I. Taylor Legacy Award to the best manager of each Major League Baseball league: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) Charles Isham Taylor was a pioneer who
3 was dedicated to providing African Americans the
4 same opportunities to compete in the sport of base-
5 ball as white individuals, especially in the State of
6 Indiana;

7 (2) Charles Isham Taylor made significant con-
8 tributions to the sport of baseball and the city of In-
9 dianapolis; and

10 (3) on the 100th anniversary of his passing,
11 Charles Isham Taylor should be commemorated and
12 remembered for the impact and significance his life

- 1 had on providing opportunities for African Ameri-
- 2 cans in the State of Indiana.

