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H. RES. 455

Honoring the life of John Francis “Jack” Buck.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2002

Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. NUSSLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of John Francis “Jack” Buck.

Whereas for nearly 50 years, John Francis “Jack” Buck was known as the “Voice of the St. Louis Cardinals” to generations of baseball fans, one of the most respected sports broadcasters in the industry, and a beloved institution to all St. Louis Cardinals fans;

Whereas Jack Buck’s distinctive voice and his signature exclamation “That’s a winner” following each Cardinals victory were familiar to baseball fans across the United States;

Whereas Jack Buck was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1924 and was a decorated veteran of World War II;

Whereas Jack Buck began his broadcasting career in 1948 while attending Ohio State University, where he was the play-by-play announcer for football, basketball, and baseball;

Whereas in 1954, Jack Buck was hired by the St. Louis Cardinals, joined Harry Caray in the booth at Sportsman's Park, and began his 48 years of broadcasting Cardinals baseball on KMOX radio;

Whereas in 1970, Jack Buck was made the lead play-by-play announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals and he brought baseball to life for millions of fans throughout the Midwest;

Whereas Jack Buck covered some of the greatest moments in baseball history, including Lou Brock's record-setting 118th stolen base, Bob Gibson's incredible 1968 season, and Mark McGwire's record-breaking 70th home run in 1998;

Whereas in 1960, Jack Buck was the play-by-play announcer for the first televised American Football League game and worked AFL broadcasts for three years;

Whereas Jack Buck was the announcer for one of professional football's most famous games, the 1967 NFL Championship game, dubbed the "Ice Bowl", between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys;

Whereas Jack Buck was the radio voice of Monday Night Football from 1978 to 1996;

Whereas Jack Buck was the lead announcer for 8 World Series, 17 Super Bowls, numerous baseball All-Star and National League playoff games, and other major sporting events, including professional bowling;

Whereas Jack Buck has been inducted into 11 different Halls of Fame, including the Baseball Hall of Fame (1987), the Pro Football Hall of Fame (1996), the American Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame (1990), the Radio Hall of Fame (1995), and the St. Louis Walk of Fame (1991), and has been the recipient of numerous lifetime achievement broadcasting awards;

Whereas for more than 30 years Jack Buck was the campaign chairman for the St. Louis chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, for which he helped raise more than \$30,000,000 for research to find a cure for the disease; and

Whereas on June 18, 2002, Jack Buck passed away after a long and distinguished career in broadcasting in which he touched the lives of millions of sports fans across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the life of John Francis “Jack” Buck.

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