

107TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 565

Honoring Ernie Harwell.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG (for himself and Mr. EHLERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Ernie Harwell.

Whereas Ernie Harwell worked as a Major League Baseball broadcaster for 55 years and as the signature voice of the Detroit Tigers for 42 of those years;

Whereas Ernie Harwell's voice brought the game of baseball to life for Tiger fans, and he was voted Michigan Sports-caster of the Year 17 times;

Whereas Ernie Harwell had such a love of baseball that, upon meeting Babe Ruth as a child, he had "The Babe" autograph his shoe because he did not have paper;

Whereas Ernie Harwell called the 1968 and 1984 World Series that crowned the Tigers world champions;

Whereas in 1948, Ernie Harwell became the only broadcaster to be traded for a player when Branch Rickey, general

manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, traded Cliff Dapper to the Atlanta Crackers for Harwell;

Whereas Ernie Harwell's memorable moments include broadcasting the debut of Willie Mays in 1951, Bobby Thomson's "shot heard 'round the world" that same year, and Hoyt Wilhelm's no-hitter against the New York Yankees in 1958;

Whereas on August 2, 1981, Ernie Harwell became the fifth broadcaster to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas Ernie Harwell brought to life, through the medium of radio, the performances of some of baseball's greats, such as Sparky Anderson, Kirk Gibson, Al Kaline, Denny McLain, Alan Trammell, and many others;

Whereas the Cleveland Indians renamed the visiting radio booth in the Jacobs Field press box the "Ernie Harwell Visiting Radio Booth" in commemoration of his career; and

Whereas Detroit Tiger fans all over the country have fond memories of Ernie Harwell, summer, and Tiger victories: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and commends Ernie Harwell for
3 the completion of his 55th year in baseball broad-
4 casting; and

5 (2) wishes Ernie Harwell good health and hap-
6 piness in his future endeavors.

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