

careers of many baseball's greats, including the soon-to-retire Travis Fryman, now with the Cleveland Indians. Fryman, one of Ernie's favorite players in Detroit, presented him with an Indians hat and jersey during the Tigers' last trip to Cleveland. During that series, Indians officials named the visiting radio booth in the Jacobs Field press box the "Ernie Harwell Visiting Radio Booth."

The true devotion of Tigers fans to Ernie Harwell was made loud and clear when the Tigers' then-new management informed Ernie that 1991 would be his last season as the Tigers' broadcaster. They said they wanted to go with a younger and newer voice. Following a public outcry, the Motor City brought home its familiar voice in time for the 1993 season. He has been with Detroit ever since.

Ernie's achievements have been recognized on both the local and national stage. He has been voted Michigan Sportscaster of the Year 17 times and is a member of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. In 1981 he was just the fifth broadcaster to be elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame. In 1988 he became a member of the Radio Hall of Fame and the following year he was elected to the National Sportscasters Hall of Fame.

Ernie's talents extend beyond the microphone. He is an accomplished author and songwriter. He has authored such books as *Tuned to Baseball*, *Diamond Gems* and *The Babe Signed My Shoe*, and coauthored or contributed to several other books about the game of baseball. In addition to his literary works, Ernie has also had more than 50 of his songs professionally recorded.

Considering that he has announced games over an unprecedented seven decades, Ernie will always be remembered best as a broadcaster; however, his personality and earnestness have endeared him to generations of listeners as a friend. To say that Ernie Harwell is beloved by the citizens of Michigan would be an understatement, which is why it comes with great regret that we are marking his retirement.

Ernie Harwell once said that a successful play-by-play man "should have the enthusiasm of a fan, the background knowledge of a writer, the reflexes of a ballplayer, and the impartiality of an umpire." I think he has exemplified these qualities, and he brought so much more to the game. Ernie Harwell is a Detroit hero and a baseball legend. While some of the Tigers' recent years have been forgettable, Ernie Harwell will never be.

As much as we will miss Ernie, we wish him well as he begins his life away from the microphone. I join the citizens of Michigan in thanking Ernie Harwell for his decades of outstanding service to the Detroit Tigers and the broadcasting community. I know my colleagues in the Senate will join me in supporting this resolution in his honor.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise to submit a resolution, along with

Senator LEVIN, to honor Ernie Harwell, the voice of the Detroit Tigers. As Tiger fans across the country know, Ernie Harwell is retiring this year after broadcasting major league baseball for 55 years, the last 42 of which were in Detroit.

Ernie Harwell has broadcast some of the great moments in baseball, including the debut of Willie Mays, Bobby Thomson's "shot heard round the world" and Hoyt Wilhelm's famous no-hitter against the Yankees in 1958.

In addition, he also called the Tigers' last two World Series victories in 1968 and 1984. He also brought to life the performances of some of baseball's greats, like Sparky Anderson, Kirk Gibson, Al Kaline, Denny McLain, Alan Trammell and many others.

Tigers fans have such fond memories of Ernie Harwell, it is hard to believe that he will not be in the broadcast booth next year. Since Sunday, September 15 is Ernie Harwell Day at Comerica Park in Detroit, Senator LEVIN and I wanted to take up and pass this resolution congratulating Ernie on his great career and wishing him the best of luck in retirement.

I hope my colleagues will support this resolution.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and the preamble be agreed to en bloc, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 327) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 327

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 Sportscaster 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;

Whereas Sunday, September 15, 2002, is "Ernie Harwell Day" at Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan; and

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

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors and celebrates the achievements of Ernie Harwell;

(2) wishes Ernie Harwell good health and happiness in his retirement; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to Ernie Harwell.

AMENDING SECTION 5307 OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, by the authority of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 5157 just received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5157) to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD, without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5157) was read the third time and passed.

INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY AND VICTIMS OF LANDMINES, CIVIL STRIFE AND WARFARE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, at the request of the distinguished majority leader and the assistant leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 528, S. 1777.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1777) to authorize assistance for individuals with disabilities in foreign countries, including victims of landmines and other victims of civil strife and warfare, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations with amendments as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic]