

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 182

Honoring the memory of Harry Caray.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 1998

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the memory of Harry Caray.

Whereas for more than 50 years, Harry Caray enthusiastically provided a unique vision of baseball in his broadcasting of thousands of games, first for the St. Louis Cardinals, then the Oakland Athletics, followed by the Chicago White Sox, and finally the Chicago Cubs;

Whereas Harry Caray was born in St. Louis in 1914, orphaned at the age of 4, and raised by family friends in St. Louis;

Whereas Harry Caray began his professional baseball broadcasting career in 1944 for the St. Louis Cardinals, and spent 25 years calling Cardinal games;

Whereas in 1971 Harry Caray began his 11 year stint with the Chicago White Sox where, in 1978, he began the tra-

dition of leading the fans in the singing of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” during the 7th inning stretch;

Whereas in 1982 Harry Caray moved to the broadcast booth for the Chicago Cubs, a switch that would eventually make Mr. Caray a national celebrity thanks to the popularity of the Cubs on cable television;

Whereas in the winter of 1987, Harry Caray suffered a stroke and for the first time in his career missed the broadcast of an opening day game, and yet, he never talked of retiring from the game he loved and soon was back in the booth at Wrigley Field;

Whereas the uncharacteristic honesty of Harry Caray made him immensely popular with fans;

Whereas Harry Caray once said “My style is a very simple one, be entertaining, be informative and, of course, tell the truth. If you don’t have the reputation for honesty, you just can’t keep the respect of the listener.”;

Whereas Harry Caray’s exuberant voice and his trademark shout of “Holy Cow” are known to baseball fans across the Nation;

Whereas Harry Caray was inducted into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame in 1988, the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989, and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1994;

Whereas Harry Caray became a major supporter of various Chicago organizations that supported and housed orphaned and troubled children;

Whereas on February 18, 1998, Harry Caray passed away after a long career enjoyed by millions; and

Whereas Harry Caray is survived by his wife of 22 years, 5 children, 5 stepchildren, 14 grandchildren and a great grandchild, and by baseball fans across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life of Harry
- 2 Caray.

