

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 451

Honoring John Jordan “Buck” O’Neil and urging his induction into the
National Baseball Hall of Fame.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2006

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. CLEAVER)
submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring John Jordan “Buck” O’Neil and urging his
induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Whereas John Jordan O’Neil, also known as Buck O’Neil,
was born in Carabelle, Florida, on November 13, 1911;

Whereas due to racial segregation, Buck O’Neil was denied
the opportunity to attend high school or play in the
Major Leagues;

Whereas Buck O’Neil began his baseball career as a first
baseman with the Memphis Red Sox in 1937 and joined
the Kansas City Monarchs the following year;

Whereas Buck O’Neil had a lifetime batting average of .288;

Whereas Buck O’Neil achieved a greater than .300 batting
average four times with the Kansas City Monarchs, in-

cluding a league leading .353 batting average in 1946 and a career-high batting average of .358 in 1947;

Whereas Buck O’Neil was the manager of the legendary Kansas City Monarchs from 1948 to 1955, leading them to five pennants and two Negro League World Series titles;

Whereas Buck O’Neil was also a manager in the East-West All-Star Classic from 1951–1954;

Whereas Buck O’Neil broke a color barrier in baseball when he became the first African American coach in the Major Leagues for the Chicago Cubs in 1962;

Whereas after 32 years with the Chicago Cubs, Buck O’Neil joined the Kansas City Royals organization in 1988 and was named “Midwest Scout of the Year” in 1998;

Whereas from 1981–2000, Buck O’Neil was a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame Veterans Committee;

Whereas today, Buck O’Neil serves as honorary board chairman of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is also a member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame;

Whereas at age 94, Buck O’Neil is arguably the greatest living ambassador and historian for our national pastime; and

Whereas Buck O’Neil continues to build a legacy of service, compassion, and respect for all people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring),* That Congress, on behalf of the American
 3 people—

- 1 (1) honors the life and accomplishments of
2 John Jordan “Buck” O’Neil; and
3 (2) strongly urges the National Baseball Hall of
4 Fame to induct him as a new member.

