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# S. RES. 687

Honoring the life and career of Dave Niehaus.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and career of Dave Niehaus.

Whereas Dave Niehaus was the voice of the Seattle Mariners and led the play-by-play announcing for the Seattle Mariners from 1977, the inaugural season of the franchise, until his passing in 2010 at the age of 75;

Whereas Dave Niehaus leaves behind a loving wife, Marilyn, 3 children, Andy, Matt, and Greta, and 6 grandchildren;

Whereas Dave Niehaus is largely considered one of the pre-eminent broadcasters in baseball history;

Whereas in 2008, Dave Niehaus was awarded the Ford C. Frick Award, the highest honor for baseball broadcasters, by the National Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas Dave Niehaus influenced multiple generations of baseball fans in the Pacific Northwest;

Whereas Dave Niehaus called nearly every Seattle Mariners game in the history of the franchise, calling 5,284 of the 5,385 Seattle Mariners games played during his illustrious career;

Whereas Dave Niehaus broadcast the amazing moments of players such as Ken Griffey, Jr., Edgar Martinez, Dan Wilson, Randy Johnson, Alvin Davis, Jay Buhner, Ichiro Suzuki, and Felix Hernandez;

Whereas Dave Niehaus provided the play-by-play for a game between the Seattle Mariners and the New York Yankees in September 1995, the first Major League Baseball game to ever be broadcast over the Internet;

Whereas Dave Niehaus threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Safeco Field on July 15, 1999;

Whereas Dave Niehaus voiced such notable catchphrases as “My, Oh, My”, “Fly Away”, and “Get out the rye bread and mustard, Grandma, it is grand salami time!”;

Whereas Dave Niehaus was given an award by the Washington State Society for the Blind for the compelling ways he used words to illustrate Seattle Mariners games;

Whereas in 2000, Dave Niehaus was the second person to be inducted into the Seattle Mariners Hall of Fame;

Whereas Dave Niehaus began his career with the Armed Forces Network and continued working in broadcasting for nearly half a century;

Whereas Dave Niehaus was the voice of the Seattle Mariners during the first 14 losing seasons of the franchise as well as the historic 2001 season in which the Seattle Mariners tied the Major League Baseball record with 116 wins;

Whereas baseball commissioner Bud Selig recently stated that Dave Niehaus “was one of the great broadcast voices of our generation, a true gentleman, and a credit to baseball”;

Whereas Dave Niehaus, at the time of his passing, was the only Seattle Mariners staff member remaining from the original staff of 1977;

Whereas the soothing voice of Dave Niehaus reassured fans during the earthquake that shook the King Dome and caused tiles to fall from the ceiling of the King Dome in May 1996; and

Whereas Safeco Field, which might not have been possible without Dave Niehaus, was open on Saturday, November 13, 2010, so that fans could come and pay their respects to Dave Niehaus: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends the long and industrious career  
3       of Dave Niehaus as the voice of the Seattle Mari-  
4       ners;

5               (2) recognizes the achievements of Dave  
6       Niehaus as a preeminent baseball broadcaster and  
7       as a fan and booster of baseball in Seattle, Wash-  
8       ington; and

9               (3) requests the Secretary of the Senate to  
10       transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for ap-  
11       propriate display to Marilyn Niehaus and to the Se-  
12       attle Mariners organization.

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