



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 117

March 5, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives PLALE, STEINBRINK, KREUSER, PORTER, BOCK, BOYLE, BRANDEMUEHL, COGGS, CULLEN, DOBYNS, GARD, GRONEMUS, HANSON, HARSDFORF, HUEBSCH, JOHNSRUD, KELSO, J. LEHMAN, LORGE, OTTE, OWENS, ROBSON, RYBA, SPILLNER, VANDER LOOP, WALKER and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, BURKE, COWLES, GEORGE, MOEN, ROSENZWEIG, WEEDEN and FARROW, by request of Former State Senator Joseph Andrea. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending Harry Caray for his accomplishments as a baseball
2 announcer and expressing grief at his death.

3 Whereas, Harry Caray, the legendary Chicago Cubs Baseball Team
4 broadcaster, died on February 18, 1998, at the age of 83 years in Rancho Mirage,
5 California; and

6 Whereas, Harry Caray began his broadcasting career in 1945 with the Saint
7 Louis Cardinals and was a baseball announcer for 53 years, including 25 years with
8 the Cardinals; and

9 Whereas, Harry Caray in 1982 became the play-by-play announcer for
10 Chicago Cubs games on WGN-TV and WGN Radio, a position that he held for 16
11 seasons; and

12 Whereas, Harry Caray announced one season, 1970, for the Oakland Athletics
13 and 11 seasons, from 1971 through 1981, for the Chicago White Sox; and

14 Whereas, Harry Caray in 1989 won the Ford C. Frick Award and was honored
15 during ceremonies at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York; and

1 Whereas, Harry Caray was elected to the National Sportscasters and
2 Sportswriters Hall of Fame in 1988; and

3 Whereas, Harry Caray was inducted into the National Association of
4 Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1994; and

5 Whereas, Harry Caray was famous for his rendition of "Take Me Out to the
6 Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field, his call "Cubs Win,
7 Cubs Win" after Cubs victories and his distinctive expression "Holy Cow!"; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
10 Wisconsin legislature commend the decades of entertaining broadcasting that Harry
11 Caray gave to Chicago Cubs fans and major league baseball fans everywhere,
12 express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family, the
13 Chicago Cubs organization, the National Association of Broadcasters and major
14 league baseball; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
16 resolution to Harry Caray's wife, Dutchie, and the Chicago Cubs organization.

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