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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Charles "Chuck" William Tanner, former  
2 general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who died on  
3 February 11, 2011.

4 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" William Tanner, former general  
5 manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, died on February 11, 2011;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Chuck Tanner, a life-long resident of New Castle,  
8 led the Pirates to the World Series championship in 1979 and  
9 remained a fan favorite in Pittsburgh; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on July 4, 1928, in New Castle to Anna Marie  
11 Baka and Charles Tanner Sr., he attended Shenanago High School,  
12 where he excelled in football, basketball, track and field and,

1 most notably, baseball; and

2 WHEREAS, After high school, Chuck Tanner followed his dream  
3 into professional baseball, playing for the Milwaukee Braves,  
4 Chicago Cubs, Cleveland Indians and Los Angeles Angels; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Tanner's professional career is best known for  
6 his feats as a manager, where he showed an optimistic attitude,  
7 mental toughness and hard-work philosophy that filtered down  
8 through his teams; and

9 WHEREAS, He began his managerial career in 1970 with the  
10 Chicago White Sox, working with them for more than five seasons  
11 and receiving the Manager of the Year Award in 1972, before  
12 moving to manage the Oakland Athletics in 1975; and

13 WHEREAS, His arrival in Pittsburgh with the Pirates in 1976  
14 came as part of a trade with Oakland in which the Pirates  
15 received Chuck Tanner in return for catcher Manny Sanguillen and  
16 \$100,000, one of the few trades involving managerial staff in  
17 the Major Leagues; and

18 WHEREAS, Three years later, Mr. Tanner reached the pinnacle  
19 of his managerial career when the Pirates brought home the  
20 National League Pennant and the World Series championship; and

21 WHEREAS, After his managing career ended, Chuck Tanner worked  
22 as a scout for the Milwaukee Brewers and Cleveland Indians and  
23 in 2007 became senior adviser for the Pittsburgh Pirates; and

24 WHEREAS, Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Babs, he is  
25 survived by sons, Mark, Gary, Brent and Bruce; brothers William  
26 and Robert; and 11 grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, A legend in his time and a part of Pirates history,  
28 Chuck Tanner will long be remembered for his outstanding  
29 contributions to professional baseball and especially to the  
30 Pittsburgh Pirates; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of  
2 Charles "Chuck" William Tanner, former general manager of the  
3 Pittsburgh Pirates, who died on February 11, 2011.