

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 22 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, STACK, DINNIMAN, SCARNATI, BREWSTER, FARNESE, BAKER, FERLO, YAW, TEPLITZ, ROBBINS, KASUNIC, SMITH, TOMLINSON, WHITE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, WILEY AND TARTAGLIONE, JANUARY 30, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JANUARY 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Stanley Frank "Stan" Musial, a
 2 Baseball Hall of Fame player born in Donora, Pennsylvania,
 3 and extending condolences to his family and friends.

4 WHEREAS, Born Stanislaw Franciszek Musial on November 21,
 5 1920, Stanley Frank "Stan" Musial was a retired American
 6 professional baseball player who was elected to the Baseball
 7 Hall of Fame in 1969; and

8 WHEREAS, Nicknamed "Stan the Man," Musial played 22 seasons
 9 in Major League Baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1941
 10 to 1963; and

11 WHEREAS, A 24-time All-Star selection, Musial accumulated
 12 3,630 hits and 475 home runs during his career, was named the
 13 National League's Most Valuable Player three times and was a
 14 member of three World Series championship teams; and

15 WHEREAS, Musial was born in Donora, Pennsylvania, where he
 16 frequently played baseball in both informal and organized
 17 settings, eventually playing on the baseball team at Donora High

1 School; and

2 WHEREAS, Signed to a professional contract by the St. Louis
3 Cardinals as a pitcher in 1938, by the time Musial made his
4 Major League Baseball debut on September 17, 1941, he had been
5 converted into an outfielder; and

6 WHEREAS, Musial quickly established himself as a consistent
7 and productive hitter, leading the National League in six
8 different offensive categories in 1943 while concurrently
9 earning his first MVP award; and

10 WHEREAS, After winning his second World Series in 1944,
11 Musial missed the entire 1945 season while serving with the
12 United States Navy; and

13 WHEREAS, Receiving his nickname of "The Man" from Brooklyn
14 Dodger fans in 1946, Musial continued his consistent hitting and
15 annual All-Star appearances; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1948, Musial finished one home run short of
17 winning baseball's Triple Crown; and

18 WHEREAS, After struggling offensively in 1959, Musial
19 utilized a personal trainer to increase his productivity until
20 retiring in 1963; and

21 WHEREAS, Musial was chairman of the President's Council on
22 Physical Fitness and Sports between 1964 and 1967; and

23 WHEREAS, Musial served as General Manager of the Cardinals in
24 1966 and 1967, in addition to overseeing various businesses such
25 as a restaurant; and

26 WHEREAS, Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969, the
27 first time his name appeared on the ballot, Musial was selected
28 for the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999; and

29 WHEREAS, President Obama awarded Musial the Presidential
30 Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2011;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Sadly, Musial passed away on Saturday, January 19,
3 2013, at 92 years of age; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his devoted wife, Lillian S. Labash
5 Musial, he will be missed by his four children, Dick Musial and
6 his wife Sharon, Gerry Ashley, Janet Schwarze and her husband
7 Marty and Jean Edmonds and her husband Dave; eleven
8 grandchildren, Jeff Musial, Laura Musial and her husband Thomas
9 Sachson, Natalie Musial, Tommy Ashley, Camille Pinkerton and her
10 husband Bob, Christopher Ashley and his wife Jimena, Julie
11 Linihan and her husband Jeff, Brian Schwarze, Andrew Edmonds,
12 Lindsey Edmonds and Allison Edmonds; and twelve great-
13 grandchildren, Courtney Musial, Tyler Musial, Claire Musial,
14 Lucy Musial, William Sachson, Heath Sachson, Caroline Murphy,
15 Molly Murphy, Kate Murphy, Charlie Pinkerton, Clifford Pinkerton
16 and Breck Pinkerton; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and memory of
18 Stanley Frank "Stan" Musial, a Baseball Hall of Fame player born
19 in Donora, Pennsylvania, and extend condolences to his family
20 and friends.