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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to pay tribute to Stan Musial, widely proclaimed as the
4 greatest St. Louis Cardinal of all time; and

5 WHEREAS, Stan Musial was born on November 21, 1920 in
6 Donora, Pennsylvania; he married his high school sweetheart,
7 Lilian Labash, in 1940 and they remained married for nearly 72
8 years until her passing in 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, Stan Musial played his entire 22-year career with
10 the St. Louis Cardinals between 1941-1944 and 1946-1963; and

11 WHEREAS, In January of 1945, Stan Musial was drafted and
12 entered the United States Navy; he served his country for 15
13 months and was honorably discharged in March of 1946; and

14 WHEREAS, During his playing career, Stan Musial amassed
15 3,630 hits, 475 home runs, and a .331 career batting average;
16 he was a first ballot hall of famer in 1969; and

17 WHEREAS, Stan Musial always took an active role in serving
18 the community; he was a prominent supporter of Wings of Hope, a
19 humanitarian organization dedicated to assisting those in
20 poverty and in need of medical attention; and

1 WHEREAS, In February of 2011, Stan Musial was awarded the
2 Presidential Medal of Freedom; the highest civilian honor in
3 the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Stan Musial was widely regarded as one of the
5 all-time greatest baseball players on and off the field; he
6 died peacefully on January 19, 2013; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate January 19 as Stan
10 Musial Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of this State to take
12 cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its
13 observance; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Stan Musial and the St. Louis
16 Cardinals Organization.