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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The 2015 St. Louis Cardinals baseball season marks
3 the 70th year since Albert "Red" Schoendienst first wore the
4 uniform; and

5 WHEREAS, For 45 seasons Red Schoendienst wore the uniform
6 as a player, coach, and manager; and

7 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst is a 10-time National League All
8 Star; and

9 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst was inducted into the National
10 Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst joined the Cardinals in 1945 to
12 fill in for left fielder Stan Musial, who was serving in the
13 United States Army; he batted .278 with 47 RBI and a National
14 League-leading 26 stolen bases; and

15 WHEREAS, The following year in 1946, Stan Musial returned
16 to the Cardinals and Red Schoendienst moved to third base and
17 then shortstop before settling in at second base, leading St.
18 Louis to a World Series victory over the Boston Red Sox; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the St. Louis Cardinals' career list,

1 Red Schoendienst ranks fourth in at-bats (6,841) and pinch hits
2 (53); fifth in games (1,795), runs (1,025) and hits (1,980);
3 sixth in doubles (352); and seventh in total bases (2,657); he
4 led the National League with 200 hits in 1957 and 7 times he
5 either led or tied for the league lead in fielding percentage;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst served as a coach on the 1964
8 World Championship team; he led St. Louis to a World Series
9 victory in 1967 over the Red Sox, and, in 1968, he led the team
10 to another N.L. pennant, en route to a 12-year tenure as
11 skipper, the longest in franchise history; and

12 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst is still involved with the St.
13 Louis Cardinals organization as special assistant to the
14 general manager; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 13, 2015, Red Schoendienst participated
16 in the Cardinals Opening Day festivities where he was honored
17 as a player, coach, and manager; and

18 WHEREAS, Red Schoendienst was born in Germantown on
19 February 2, 1923; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is proud to call Red
21 Schoendienst a native Illinoisan; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 recognize Albert "Red" Schoendienst for his outstanding
4 achievements and contributions he has made to Major League
5 Baseball since 1945; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Red Schoendienst and the St. Louis Cardinals'
8 organization as a symbol of our respect and esteem.