

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 399

Commending Vincent Edward Scully.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Vincent Edward Scully, a world-renowned sports broadcaster who held the longest tenure as an announcer for a single professional team, retired in 2016 after a distinguished 67-season career with the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Vincent "Vin" Edward Scully discovered his passion for the game of baseball at a young age and decided to become a sports broadcaster after hearing football broadcasts on the radio in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Vin Scully served his country in the United States Navy, then began his career in sports media as a student broadcaster and journalist at Fordham University, where he played center field for the baseball team and called baseball, football, and basketball games; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Vin Scully covered college football for the CBS Radio Network, then joined the Brooklyn Dodgers of Major League Baseball in 1950; in 1953, at the age of 25, he became the youngest person to broadcast a World Series game and later became the team's main announcer; and

WHEREAS, Vin Scully stayed with the Dodgers when the team moved to Los Angeles in 1957, and his dulcet tones could be heard throughout Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and later Dodger Stadium, with fans bringing their own radios to enjoy his broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Vin Scully became well-known for his signature opening salutation, his poetic wit, and his encyclopedic knowledge of the game, and he was unafraid to let dramatic events speak for themselves, such as Kirk Gibson's game-winning home run in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series; and

WHEREAS, though best known for his baseball broadcasting career, Vin Scully also worked for CBS Sports and NBC, calling National Football League games, PGA Tour golf, and nationally broadcast baseball games and making appearances in or lending his recognizable narration to television shows, movies, and video games; and

WHEREAS, when Vin Scully called his final game on October 2, 2016, his name had long become synonymous with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization and the game of baseball, and he is widely considered to be the finest sports broadcaster of all time; and

WHEREAS, Vin Scully earned many awards and accolades throughout his career, and he has been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame, and the NAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame; in 2016, the Los Angeles City Council renamed Elysian Park Avenue, the location of Dodger Stadium, as Vin Scully Avenue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Vincent Edward Scully hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as the announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vincent Edward Scully as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to media and the game of baseball.

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