

Negro Leagues players made to our National Pastime and more importantly to society through his work as chairman of America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City.

Buck's tireless work led the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, to hold a special election this spring to induct Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates into the Hall. In July, 17 legendary players, managers and owners were inducted into the Hall. This induction was bittersweet for many of us as its most visible legend, Buck O'Neil, did not receive the necessary votes. Although many of us viewed this as an outrageous oversight, Buck graciously viewed this as one of the greatest days in Negro Leagues history. That was Buck in his truest form. He was always about doing the right thing. No matter what doors had been closed to him; he always picked himself up and did what was right, never what was easiest or most beneficial to himself. What was most important to Buck was his true love for the Negro Leagues, the Negro Leagues players and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum—he poured all of his life and energy into seeing that their stories were told and never forgotten.

Buck reminded us that these Leagues and their players are significant on so many levels: they represent a triumph of the human spirit, tremendous sportsmanship, high quality of play, were of vital importance to the African American community, and they led directly to the integration of the Major Leagues, which was the first in a series of major civil rights landmarks that eventually led to the progress we have achieved today. Buck was significant in so many ways and on so many different levels in his own right—he played an important part in shaping the America we live in today.

Buck's remarkable life reminds me of a favorite poem, *Game Called*, by Grantland Rice. I'd like to read it into the RECORD:

*Game Called. Across the field of play
the dusk has come, the hour is late.
The fight is done and lost or won,
the player files out through the gate.
The tumult dies, the cheer is hushed,
the stands are bare, the park is still
But through the night there shines the light,
home beyond the silent hill
Game Called. Where in the golden light
the bugle rolled the reveille.
The shadows creep where night falls deep,
and taps has called the end of play.
The game is done, the score is in,
the final cheer and jeer have passed.
But in the night, beyond the fight,
the player finds his rest at last.
Game Called. Upon the field of life
the darkness gathers far and wide,
the dream is done, the score is spun
that stands forever in the guide.
Nor victory, nor yet defeat
is chalked against the players name.
But down the roll, the final scroll,
shows only how he played the game.*

There is little question that Buck played the game with all his heart and lived his life to the fullest. Buck, you

will be missed but not forgotten. Our Nation is better by virtue of your play on the field and service off the field. The principle by which you lived your life will carry on through all who knew you. The freedom for which you fought endures. May God bless you with a splendid room within His house. He has certainly blessed me with the privilege of having known you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1458. An act to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.

H.R. 4997. An act to extend for 2 years the authority to grant waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates.

H.R. 5280. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5798. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 484. Concurrent resolution commending The New York Institute for Special Education for providing excellent education for students with blindness and visual disabilities for 175 years, and for broadening its mission to provide the same quality education to students with emotional and learning disabilities.

H. Con. Res. 497. Concurrent resolution to honor the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach.

The message further announced that the House passed the bill (S. 2125) to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1219. An act to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association.

S. 2250. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Bourlag.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2370. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 3759. An act to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6344. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act.

H.R. 6345. An act to make a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4110. A bill to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-9226. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8105-5) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9227. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyproconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8093-4) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9228. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paraquat Dichloride; Pesticide Tolerance