

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 195

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 195—Relative to Vin Scully.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 195, as introduced, Holden. Vin Scully.

This measure would recognize the legendary career of Vincent Edward “Vin” Scully.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Vincent Edward “Vin” Scully was born in the
2 Bronx, New York City on November 29, 1927. At an early age,
3 Vin Scully became fascinated with football broadcasts on the radio
4 and decided that he wanted to become a sports announcer; and
5 WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Navy for two
6 years, Vin Scully began his career as a student broadcaster and
7 journalist at Fordham University. While at Fordham, Scully played
8 outfield for two seasons on Fordham’s baseball team and called
9 baseball, basketball, and football games for the university’s radio
10 station; and

1 WHEREAS, Vin Scully was recruited in 1949 by Red Barber,
2 the sports director of the CBS Radio Network, for the network's
3 college football coverage. In 1950, Scully joined Hall of Fame
4 announcers Red Barber and Connie Desmond as part of the
5 Brooklyn Dodgers' broadcast team, only a year after graduating
6 from Fordham. In 1953, Scully replaced Barber for the 1953 World
7 Series coverage. At the age of 25, Scully became the youngest
8 person to broadcast a World Series game, a record that stands to
9 this day; and

10 WHEREAS, During the 1954 season, Vin Scully became the
11 Brooklyn Dodgers' principal announcer. Scully announced Dodger
12 games in Brooklyn until 1957. After the club moved to Los Angeles
13 for the 1958 season, Scully quickly became popular in southern
14 California; and

15 WHEREAS, In his illustrious career, Vin Scully has worked
16 with many accomplished broadcast partners, including Jerry
17 Doggett, Ross Porter, Don Drysdale, Sonny Jurgensen, Alex
18 Hawkins, George Allen, Jim Brown, John Madden, Hank Stram,
19 Pat Summerall, Curt Gowdy, Ken Venturi, Ben Wright, Brent
20 Musburger, and Sparky Anderson. Scully has worked for major
21 broadcast networks, including CBS, ABC, and NBC, covering
22 Major League Baseball, the National Football League, and the
23 PGA Tour; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1982, 32 years after he first became a Dodger
25 broadcaster, Vin Scully reached the pinnacle of his immaculate
26 career in baseball when he was inducted into the Broadcaster's
27 Wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a Ford C. Frick
28 Award recipient. In addition to this award, Scully has received a
29 Life Achievement Emmy Award for sportscasting and multiple
30 lifetime achievement awards and hall of fame inductions relative
31 to broadcasting and sportscasting; and

32 WHEREAS, On September 5, 2014, Bud Selig presented Vin
33 Scully with the Major League Baseball Commissioner's Historic
34 Achievement Award, which was created to recognize
35 accomplishments and contributions of historical significance to
36 the game of baseball. Scully was the 14th recipient and second
37 nonplayer to receive the award, after Rachel Robinson; and

38 WHEREAS, The California Sports Hall of Fame inducted Vin
39 Scully in 2008. On May 11, 2009, Scully was awarded the
40 Ambassador Award of Excellence by the Los Angeles Sports and

1 Entertainment Commission. Scully has a star on the Hollywood
2 Walk of Fame, has the press box at Dodger Stadium named on his
3 behalf, served as Grand Marshal for the 2014 Tournament of Roses
4 Parade, and has had Elysian Park Avenue renamed to Vin Scully
5 Avenue in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Vin Scully hosted President Ronald Reagan during
7 the 1989 Major League Baseball All-Star Game. Scully has also
8 hosted the charity event “Scully and Wooden, For the Kids” with
9 legendary University of California, Los Angeles basketball coach
10 John Wooden, an event that benefited the Pediatric Cancer
11 Programs at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA and pediatric cancer
12 research at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and City of Hope.
13 Scully has participated in multiple events with ThinkCure, the
14 Dodgers’ charity organization that raises funds to promote
15 collaborative research to cure cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, Vin Scully’s descriptions of baseball games have
17 thrilled fans for years. Scully’s 67 seasons with the Dodgers is the
18 longest time any broadcaster has been with a single team in
19 professional sports history. Scully is known for his smooth and
20 lyrical voice, vivid and descriptive style, and ability to weave
21 anecdotes between his play-by-play of the ballgame. Scully’s
22 signature introduction to Dodger games is beloved by Dodger fans
23 across California: “It’s time for Dodger baseball!”; and

24 WHEREAS, Vin Scully and his wife, Sandra, reside in Los
25 Angeles; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the legendary
28 career of Vincent Edward “Vin” Scully, the embodiment of the
29 artistic spirit of California; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.