

HCS HB 2219 -- PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR

SPONSOR: Zerr (LeBlanc)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation designating November 13 as "Buck O'Neil Day" and an annual proclamation designating the fourth week of May as "Missouri Safe Boating Week."

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Buck O'Neil deserves this recognition. He lived in Kansas City and played baseball for the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro Leagues. He was the first African-American to coach a major league baseball team, was active in establishing the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, and served his country in the United States Navy. He is a great ambassador for baseball and Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative LeBlanc; and Bennie Lewis, 12th Street Heritage Corporation.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.