

HB 869 -- BUCK O'NEIL DAY

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill designates November 13th of each year as "John Jordan 'Buck' O'Neil Day" in honor of the first African American who coached major league baseball and played a major role in establishing the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City.

This bill is similar to HB 2079 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would recognize the life and accomplishments of Buck O'Neil, who was the first African American Major League Baseball manager and helped establish the Negro Leagues Museum.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riggs and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Additional written testimony was submitted in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.