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2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

October 8, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Roth, Carpenter, Jagler, Larson, Marklein, Nass, Ringhand, Wirch and Jacque, cosponsored by Representatives Pronschinske, Allen, Considine, Dallman, Dittrich, Drake, Edming, Gundrum, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Krug, Kuglitsch, McGuire, Milroy, Penterman, Petryk, Plumer, Riemer, Sinicki, Spiros, Spreitzer, Steffen, Steineke, Subeck, Thiesfeldt, Tusler, Tittl, Tranel, Vruwink, Mursau, Schraa and Knodl. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: honoring the career and service of Bob Uecker.

Whereas, Bob Uecker, affectionately known as "Mr. Baseball," is a beloved former baseball player, actor, and current broadcaster for the Milwaukee Brewers; and

Whereas, Bob Uecker is known as the "Voice of the Brewers" for his tenured career as a broadcaster for the Milwaukee Brewers since 1971; and

Whereas, in 2020, Bob Uecker marked his 50th year as a broadcaster for the Milwaukee Brewers; and

Whereas, Bob Uecker has been recognized for his outstanding career as a broadcaster, having been named the Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year five times, inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame in 2011, and awarded the Ford C. Frick Award in 2003 from the Baseball Hall of Fame, which is awarded annually for "meritorious service by baseball broadcasters"; and

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Whereas, Bob Uecker had a career in acting, known for his numerous appearances on Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show*, his role as the character George Owens in the show *Mr. Belvedere*, and appearances in Miller Lite commercials and several movies, including *Major League*; and Whereas, Bob Uecker had a 12-year baseball career, playing in the minor

Whereas, Bob Uecker had a 12-year baseball career, playing in the minor league for six years for affiliates of the Milwaukee Braves; and

Whereas, during the first year of his baseball career, Bob Uecker played for the Eau Claire Bears, an affiliate of the Milwaukee Braves; and

Whereas, Bob Uecker made his major league debut in 1962 with the Milwaukee Braves and played in the major league for six seasons on various teams as a catcher until 1967; and

Whereas, during his baseball career, Bob Uecker was known for his defensive skills as a catcher, finishing his career with a fielding percentage of .981 and leading the National League in the most passed balls in the 1967 season, and winning a World Series championship with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1964; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Brewers have honored Bob Uecker's service to the team by dedicating a statue to him in 2012 and another statue in 2014 called the Uecker "Last Row" statue in the section of the stadium dubbed the "Uecker Seats," as a tribute to his famous tagline from a Miller Lite ad: "I must be in the front row"; and

Whereas, Bob Uecker, a Wisconsin native who was born and raised in Milwaukee, has spent the majority of his career and life dedicated to baseball and serving the Milwaukee Brewers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin Legislature honor the career, accomplishments, and service of Bob Uecker
to the state of Wisconsin.

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