



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

June 2, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, SPREITZER and WALL, cosponsored by Representatives KREIBICH, GOODWIN, MURPHY and SPAUDE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** supporting the induction of Jack Vainisi into the Pro Football Hall of
2 Fame.

3 Whereas, Jack Vainisi began his stellar football career as a lineman at St.
4 George High School and the University of Notre Dame, before being drafted into the
5 United States Army; and

6 Whereas, during his service in post-war Japan, Jack Vainisi worked in the
7 headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur while also playing football on General
8 MacArthur's service team; and

9 Whereas, Jack Vainisi unfortunately became ill with rheumatic fever, leading
10 to a medical discharge and the end of his playing career; and

11 Whereas, Jack Vainisi later returned to the University of Notre Dame to
12 complete his degree, graduating in 1950; and

13 Whereas, shortly after his graduation, the Green Bay Packers hired Jack
14 Vainisi as a scout; and

1 Whereas, Jack Vainisi revolutionized the scouting profession, establishing an
2 extensive information network that allowed him to compile detailed scouting
3 reports on more than 4,000 players throughout his career; and

4 Whereas, Jack Vainisi personally encouraged Vince Lombardi to seek the
5 position of head coach and general manager for the Green Bay Packers, leading to
6 the establishment of one of the most dominant dynasties in football history; and

7 Whereas, in addition to Lombardi, Jack Vainisi is credited with bringing a
8 total of 12 other eventual Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees into the Packers
9 organization: Herb Adderley, Willie Davis, Bobby Dillon, Forrest Gregg, Paul
10 Hornung, Henry Jordan, Jerry Kramer, Ray Nitschke, Jim Ringo, Bart Starr, Jim
11 Taylor, and Willie Wood; and

12 Whereas, in large part due to Jack Vainisi's contributions, the Green Bay
13 Packers won both Super Bowl I and Super Bowl II, as well as five National Football
14 League championships; and

15 Whereas, Jack Vainisi was beloved by his team and colleagues, as
16 demonstrated by the team's attendance at his funeral after his tragic and untimely
17 passing in 1960; and

18 Whereas, Jack Vainisi was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 1982 in
19 recognition of his invaluable contributions to the Green Bay Packers organization;
20 and

21 Whereas, Jack Vainisi's talents and accomplishments were recognized by his
22 contemporaries, with former National Football League Commissioner Bert Bell
23 describing him as "one of the best young executives and scouts in the league"; and

24 Whereas, Jack Vainisi had an immeasurable and unmistakable impact on the

1 National Football League, as well as professional football broadly; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of
4 the Wisconsin Legislature support the induction of Jack Vainisi into the Pro
5 Football Hall of Fame.

6 (END)