

**No. R-185. House concurrent resolution commemorating the designation of Birsky-Wyman Field in Springfield.**

(H.C.R.133)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Richie Wyman and the late Bo Birsky each taught for decades in the Springfield public school system, and

Whereas, each of these extraordinary individuals was a dedicated baseball coach who mentored and encouraged the players on the Springfield High School baseball team for a combined 51 years, and

Whereas, Bo Birsky taught mathematics at the Riverside Middle School for nearly half a century, and

Whereas, he also served as the varsity baseball coach at Springfield High School from 1946 until 1974, and

Whereas, Coach Birsky earned the respect and admiration of his players as he taught them the technical aspects of America's sporting pastime and, more importantly, lessons of good sportsmanship that would last a lifetime, and

Whereas, Richie Wyman was a teacher at Springfield High School from 1961 until 1999, and

Whereas, in 1975, he assumed the varsity baseball coaching duties at Springfield High School and continued in this role until 1998, and

Whereas, his coaching skills inspired the players to play their best, to take to the baseball diamond proudly as representatives of Springfield High School, and to win and lose with grace, and

Whereas, some of Coaches Birsky's and Wyman's students are now serving as coaches and teachers themselves and bringing the valuable lessons they learned from their mentors to a new generation of student athletes, and

Whereas, on May 11, 2013, preceding the varsity baseball game between Springfield High School and Windsor High School, the Town of Springfield will dedicate the baseball field at Riverside Park in memory of Coach Bo Birsky and in honor of Coach Richie Wyman as Birsky-Wyman Field in a most fitting tribute to both of these pillars of the Springfield public school system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the designation of Birsky-Wyman Field in Springfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richie Wyman, the family of Bo Birsky, and the Springfield Town Clerk.