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SEN. JACQUE HONORS ARCHITECT OF PACKER DYNASTY

State Senate Resolution calls for induction of Jack Vainisi into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

MADISON... The Wisconsin State Senate today passed a Resolution calling for the Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement of Jack Vainisi, a revolutionary scout and strategist for the Green Bay Packers who was the architect of the Lombardi Era Green Bay Packers golden era, which put ‘Titletown’ on the map.

“Last Spring, the eyes of the sports world turned to Wisconsin as Green Bay hosted the 2025 NFL Draft, a milestone moment for our state and our most storied franchise,” said State Sen. André Jacque (R-New Franken), author of the Resolution. “But long before the NFL Draft became an international spectacle, the sport was quietly transformed by a visionary in a back office at Lambeau Field—Jack Vainisi.”

After a promising playing career was cut short by illness while serving under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan, Vainisi earned his degree at Notre Dame and joined the Packers as a scout in 1950. What followed was a masterclass in talent evaluation that changed the game forever.

“Though not a household name, Jack Vainisi may have had more influence on the Packers dynasty than any player or coach,” Sen. Jacque said. “Simply put, without Jack Vainisi, there is no Titletown.”

With a sharp eye and a deep network, Vainisi scouted and drafted 12 future Hall of Famers—including Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke, Forrest Gregg, Paul Hornung, and Willie Davis. And when the Packers needed a new leader, it was Vainisi who urged the team to pursue a little-known coach from the Giants: Vince Lombardi.

“Together, these players and coaches formed the foundation of a dynasty, delivering five NFL championships and victories in Super Bowls I and II,” Sen. Jacque said. “But tragically, Jack Vainisi would not live to witness these glory days of the franchise he helped build.”

Jack Vainisi died in 1960 at the age of 33 from a rheumatic heart condition, and unfortunately this key figure in National Football League history is not himself a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. To remedy this glaring omission, the Wisconsin State Legislature passed [Senate Joint Resolution 64](#) calling for his long-overdue induction of Jack Vainisi in Canton, Ohio.

“If not for Jack Vainisi, there may not be a Green Bay Packers team in the NFL today,” Sen. Jacque said. “He belongs in the room with all the other immortals who have left an indelible imprint on the game of professional football.”

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.