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3 By Representatives Patterson, Sanderford, Ball, McCutcheon,
4 Johnson (W), Williams (P) and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 14-MAR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. DONALD RAY MINCHER.
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Mr. Donald Ray Mincher of Huntsville,
7 Alabama, on March 4, 2012, at the age of 73 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Mincher leaves a void in
9 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and in the
10 entire community, where he was highly regarded; he was a
11 member of the Mayfair Church of Christ; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Mincher was a prominent figure in
13 Huntsville baseball for a half century and was crowned in 2010
14 as "King of Baseball," the highest honor in Minor League
15 Baseball; he was unique in the history of the sport because of
16 the various roles he held, from player to team owner, to
17 league president; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a standout athlete who played
19 football and baseball at S.R. Butler High School, and was
20 drafted by the Chicago White Sox immediately after his 1956
21 graduation; he played professional baseball until 1972,
22 playing in the 1965 and 1972 World Series and the 1967 and
23 1969 All-Star Games; and

24 WHEREAS, from 1972-1985, he owned and operated Don
25 Mincher's All Sports Trophies, and from 1985-2001, he served

1 as president and general manager of the Huntsville Stars,
2 followed by his tenure as president of the Southern League,
3 2001-2011; and

4 WHEREAS, among his honors through the years, he was
5 inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2008, the
6 same year he won the Warren Giles Award for his service to
7 Minor League Baseball; in addition, the road leading to Joe
8 Davis Stadium was named Don Mincher Drive by the City of
9 Huntsville in 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 56 years,
11 Patsy Ann Payne Mincher; his children and their spouses, Mark
12 (Nancy) Mincher, Donna (Gary) Hopper, and Lori (Doug) Lumpkin;
13 six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; he was
14 predeceased by his parents, George and Lillian Mincher; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Mincher was a valued member of the
16 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
17 memory will be forever treasured in the hearts and minds of
18 those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Donald Ray
21 Mincher is recorded with deep sadness and, by copy of this
22 resolution, we extend heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
23 grief is shared by many.

