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3 By Representatives Patterson, Sanderford, Ball, McCutcheon,  
4 Johnson (W), Williams (P) and Hall  
5 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. DONALD RAY MINCHER.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mr. Donald Ray Mincher of Huntsville,  
12 Alabama, on March 4, 2012, at the age of 73 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Mincher leaves a void in  
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and in the  
15 entire community, where he was highly regarded; he was a  
16 member of the Mayfair Church of Christ; and

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

23 WHEREAS, he was a standout athlete who played  
24 football and baseball at S.R. Butler High School, and was  
25 drafted by the Chicago White Sox immediately after his 1956  
26 graduation; he played professional baseball until 1972,

1 playing in the 1965 and 1972 World Series and the 1967 and  
2 1969 All-Star Games; and

3 WHEREAS, from 1972-1985, he owned and operated Don  
4 Mincher's All Sports Trophies, and from 1985-2001, he served  
5 as president and general manager of the Huntsville Stars,  
6 followed by his tenure as president of the Southern League,  
7 2001-2011; and

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

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

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

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

