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8 SJR \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVING OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S DECISION TO  
9 RELOCATE THE 2021 ALL-STAR GAME FROM GEORGIA.  
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11 WHEREAS, the history of professional baseball has  
12 deep roots in Georgia and with its home team, the Atlanta  
13 Braves; and

14 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves franchise is the only  
15 one of today's 30 Major League franchises to have fielded a  
16 team every season professional baseball has been in existence  
17 and is the oldest continuously operating professional sports  
18 franchise in America; and

19 WHEREAS, professional baseball adds to the quality  
20 of life for many people in Georgia, and also to the residents  
21 of Alabama, by providing access to live action, affordable  
22 family entertainment, and having a positive impact on the  
23 economy; and

24 WHEREAS, we note with dismay that Major League  
25 Baseball has relocated the 2021 All-Star game from Atlanta,  
26 Georgia, after Georgia lawmakers passed voting legislation  
27 aimed at curbing voter fraud and improving election law; and

1           WHEREAS, the recently enacted law in Georgia added  
2 new identification requirements for absentee voting, limited  
3 the use of drop boxes, granted more authority over elections  
4 to the Georgia Legislature, expanded access to voting and  
5 giving wider availability on early voting; these reforms are  
6 supported by an overwhelming majority of American voters  
7 according to the Associated Press polling; and

8           WHEREAS, it is regrettable that Major League  
9 Baseball has chosen to politicize the noble, uniquely American  
10 sport of baseball by moving its midsummer classic All-Star  
11 game out of Georgia; this action has robbed the citizens of  
12 Georgia with \$100 million in lost revenue and economic  
13 activity, especially impacting minority businesses that  
14 benefit from Major League Baseball's presence in Atlanta; and

15           WHEREAS, we concur with Georgia Governor Kemp's  
16 statement that Major League Baseball caved to fear, political  
17 opportunism, and brazen, false narratives; now therefore,

18           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby strongly disapprove  
20 of the actions of Major League Baseball in relocating the 2021  
21 All-Star game from Georgia and we urge Major League Baseball  
22 to reconsider this action that threatens professional baseball  
23 as we historically know it, and publicly acknowledge the  
24 mistaken assumptions and mistruths propagated by Major League  
25 Baseball against Georgia's election reform law.