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3 By Representative McClurkin
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8 COMMENDING AL WORTHINGTON ON BEING NAMED TO THE
9 ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME.
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11 WHEREAS, we are pleased to commend Al Worthington
12 for being named to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame as part of
13 the Class of 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, a Birmingham native and Phillips High
15 School graduate, Mr. Worthington pitched in the major leagues
16 for 16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, initially pursuing a football career at the
18 University of Alabama, Mr. Worthington joined the baseball
19 team, assisting the Crimson Tide in making a 1950 College
20 World Series appearance; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Worthington joined an amateur league in
22 Omaha, and was claimed by the Chicago Cubs, where he was sent
23 to Triple-A Minneapolis; and

24 WHEREAS, within a year of his move to Minneapolis,
25 Mr. Worthington joined the Giants, where he earned a World
26 Series ring; and

1 WHEREAS, at the age of 34, Mr. Worthington was
2 traded to Cincinnati in 1963, where he developed a niche as a
3 late reliever and subsequently settled into a closer role with
4 the Minnesota Twins, setting a career mark for 21 saves while
5 posting an ERA of 2.13 in his second season; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Worthington assisted the Twins in
7 reaching the 1965 World Series before the team fell to the Los
8 Angeles Dodgers in seven games; and

9 WHEREAS, retiring after the 1969 season, Mr.
10 Worthington returned to the Twins as a pitching coach prior to
11 assuming leadership of the Liberty University baseball
12 program, where he developed the athletic talents and character
13 of young men for 13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Al Worthington is indeed deserving of
15 highest praise for his exceptional athletic accomplishments in
16 baseball and it is most fitting to recognize him; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we most highly commend Al
20 Worthington for being named to the Alabama Sports Hall of
21 Fame, and a copy of this resolution shall be provided to him
22 with our sincere tribute and praise.