

1 HJR764
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3 By Representative McClurkin
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 26-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING AL WORTHINGTON ON BEING NAMED TO THE
4 ALABAMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

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6 WHEREAS, we are pleased to commend Al Worthington
7 for being named to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame as part of
8 the Class of 2011; and

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

12 WHEREAS, initially pursuing a football career at the
13 University of Alabama, Mr. Worthington joined the baseball
14 team, assisting the Crimson Tide in making a 1950 College
15 World Series appearance; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, at the age of 34, Mr. Worthington was
23 traded to Cincinnati in 1963, where he developed a niche as a
24 late reliever and subsequently settled into a closer role with

1 the Minnesota Twins, setting a career mark for 21 saves while
2 posting an ERA of 2.13 in his second season; and

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

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 31-MAY-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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