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5 Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh, McClendon,
6 Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier, Scofield,
7 Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner,
8 Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 25-FEB-21

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF HALL OF FAME PITCHER MR. DON
9 SUTTON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on January 19, 2021, of Hall of Fame pitcher, Mr. Don
13 Howard Sutton a native of Clio, Alabama, at the age of 75
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
16 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
17 where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Don Sutton was born on April 2, 1945, to
19 Howard and Lilian Sutton and attended J. M. Tate High School
20 and community college in Florida before entering professional
21 baseball; from 1966-1988, he pitched for the Los Angeles
22 Dodgers, Houston Astros, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics,
23 and California Angels; he won 324 games and pitched 58
24 shutouts; he was a four time All-Star and MLB ERA Leader in
25 1980; he holds the Dodger franchise record for wins and
26 strikeouts; he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of
27 Fame in 1998; and

1 WHEREAS, after his retirement as a player, Sutton
2 became a sports broadcaster for all but two years from
3 1989-2018; he was a commentator for the Atlanta Braves on
4 television and radio for almost three decades; he had a
5 reputation as a straight shooter with a vast insight into the
6 game, particularly the art of pitching; he earned a spot in
7 the Braves Hall of Fame in 2015 for his work as a broadcaster;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Mary Sutton and
10 children Daron, Staci, and Jacqueline; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Hall of Fame
13 pitcher, Don Sutton, is recorded with deep sadness, and this
14 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
15 heartfelt sympathy to his family whose grief is shared by
16 many.