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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Charles "Chuck" Murphy and  
3 Laura "Emo" Murphy as the only couple inducted into  
4 minor league baseball's Florida State League Hall of  
5 Fame.

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7 WHEREAS, on October 23, 1960, Charles "Chuck" Murphy and  
8 Laura "Emo" Davidson were married in Dawson, Georgia, and

9 WHEREAS, in 1975, having served 21 years in the United  
10 States Army, Chuck Murphy retired with the rank of Lieutenant  
11 Colonel and began a second career in baseball, and

12 WHEREAS, Emo Murphy faithfully attended Florida State  
13 League games for the 21 years that she traveled with Chuck,  
14 first serving as office manager and keeping score as a hobby  
15 during her husband's tenure with the Evansville Triplets and  
16 later running concessions for the Daytona Beach Islanders and  
17 subsequently the Daytona Cubs, and

18 WHEREAS, in 1989, Chuck Murphy began his tenure as  
19 president of the Florida State League, and with the help of Emo  
20 Murphy serving as his financial consultant and adviser, brought  
21 about the resurgence of the league, and

22 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chuck Murphy, the Florida  
23 State League Hall of Fame, the Florida State League Scholarship  
24 Program, and the Florida State League Sports Turf Crew Awards  
25 have all been successfully established and maintained, and

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26 WHEREAS, in 1991 and 2011, Chuck Murphy twice received the  
27 Warren Giles Award, presented to the most outstanding minor  
28 league baseball league president, as well as the Friends of  
29 Baseball Chapel Award in 1994, recognizing his unwavering  
30 support of the Chapel programs in professional baseball, and

31 WHEREAS, in November 2011, Emo Murphy and Chuck Murphy were  
32 honored for their lifetime dedication to the sport of baseball  
33 when they were jointly inducted into the Florida State League  
34 Hall of Fame, and

35 WHEREAS, Emo Murphy, who passed away June 2, 2013, is  
36 survived by her husband of 53 years, Chuck Murphy, NOW,  
37 THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
40 Florida:

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42 That Laura "Emo" Murphy is recognized as the only woman to  
43 be inducted into minor league baseball's Florida State League  
44 Hall of Fame, and together with her husband, Charles "Chuck"  
45 Murphy, as the only couple to be inducted into the Florida State  
46 League Hall of Fame.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
48 presented to Chuck Murphy, president of the Florida State  
49 League, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.