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H.R. No. 2257

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Drayton McLane, Jr., is concluding more than 18
2 years as the chair and chief executive officer of the Houston
3 Astros, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for the benefits
4 he has brought to the Houston area; and

5 WHEREAS, Since Mr. McLane and his family purchased the
6 franchise in 1993, the Astros have enjoyed unprecedented success,
7 making the playoffs six times since 1997; moreover, the club's
8 greatest achievement to date came in 2005, when it won the National
9 League pennant and played in the World Series, allowing Houston to
10 have the honor of being the first Texas city to host the fall
11 classic; and

12 WHEREAS, An accomplished civic leader as well as a skilled
13 businessman, Mr. McLane has championed a number of initiatives to
14 allow the baseball team to be a positive force in the community; the
15 Astros in Action Foundation has been a central part of these
16 efforts, and it has provided generous support for scholarship
17 funds, charity events, children's hospitals, and numerous other
18 worthwhile projects; in addition, Mr. McLane has long been involved
19 in a range of philanthropic, medical, educational, and
20 youth-development organizations through his membership on boards
21 and committees; his present commitments include service as the vice
22 president of the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America, chair
23 of the board of trustees for Scott & White Healthcare, and director
24 of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M

1 University, and he is active in the Greater Houston Partnership and
2 United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast; and

3 WHEREAS, This pioneering entrepreneur also helped bring
4 about a resurgence in downtown Houston with the construction of
5 Minute Maid Park; since opening in 2000, the stadium has helped
6 boost the economy of the surrounding area and has become one of the
7 city's architectural centerpieces; and

8 WHEREAS, Always a fixture at Astros games, Drayton McLane has
9 demonstrated great enthusiasm and dedication in directing his
10 team's operations, and his outstanding work will be remembered and
11 appreciated by the citizens of Houston for many years to come; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Drayton McLane, Jr., on his successful
15 tenure as the owner of the Houston Astros and commend him for his
16 contributions to the city; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. McLane as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.