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H. CON. RES. 203

Honoring the life and work of Furman Bisher.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BARROW, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. BROUN of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and work of Furman Bisher.

Whereas Furman Bisher was born on November 4, 1918, in Denton, North Carolina;

Whereas Furman Bisher became editor of the Charlotte News in 1940;

Whereas Furman Bisher served his country during World War II from 1941 until 1945;

Whereas Furman Bisher became a sports editor for the Atlanta Constitution in 1950;

Whereas Furman Bisher became a sports editor and columnist for the Atlanta Journal and the Sunday Journal-Constitution in 1957;

Whereas Furman Bisher was president of the Football Writers Association of America from 1959 to 1960;

Whereas Furman Bisher was named one of the Nation's five best columnists by Time Magazine in 1961;

Whereas Furman Bisher was president of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association from 1974 to 1976;

Whereas Furman Bisher has covered as a reporter every Kentucky Derby since 1950;

Whereas Furman Bisher has covered as a reporter every National Football League Super Bowl except for the first one played in 1967;

Whereas Furman Bisher played a crucial role in facilitating the arrival of the Braves Baseball team to Atlanta which was Atlanta's first professional sports team;

Whereas Furman Bisher is a member of the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame, the International Golf Writers Hall of Fame, and the national Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame;

Whereas Furman Bisher was a recipient of the Professional Golfer's Association Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award in 1996;

Whereas in 1949, Furman Bisher secured the only interview with "Shoeless" Joe Jackson since 1919 when he was banned from baseball; and

Whereas Furman Bisher retired from the Atlanta Journal Constitution on October 10, 2009, after 59 years of service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1 (1) honors the life and work of Furman Bisher;
2 and
3 (2) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House
4 to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to
5 Furman Bisher.

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