Senate Resolution No. 2836

BY: Senator SKOUFIS

   URGING Rob Manfred, Commissioner of Major League
   Baseball, to open an investigation into whether
   illegal sign stealing by the Houston Astros
   organization may have cheated the New York Yankees
   out of victories in the 2017 and 2019 American
   League Championship Series

 WHEREAS, An investigation by Major League Baseball concluded in
January 2020 that the Houston Astros had been illegally using a system
of cameras to steal signs during the regular season and the postseason
in 2017, and during parts of the regular season in 2018; and

 WHEREAS, The cheating by the Astros organization was so pervasive
that Major League Baseball took the unusual step of suspending the
Manager and the General Manager of the Astros from baseball for a year;
and

 WHEREAS, Major League Baseball investigated, but could not determine
the validity of, allegations that the Astros' sign stealing extended
throughout the 2018 and 2019 regular and postseasons; and

 WHEREAS, The Astros defeated the New York Yankees in the 2017
American League Championship Series (ALCS), winning all four games
played in their home stadium, Minute Maid Park, and defeated the Yankees
in the 2019 American League Championship Series; and

 WHEREAS, Many players, sports journalists, and fans have questioned
whether the Astros' narrow victory in the 2017 ALCS was made possible by
their illegal system of sign stealing that was in use at the time, and
whether the Astros' victory in the 2019 ALCS was also made possible by
continued use of illegal sign stealing; now, therefore, be it

 RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
urge Rob Manfred, Commissioner of Major League Baseball, to open an
investigation into whether illegal sign stealing by the Houston Astros
organization may have cheated the New York Yankees out of victories in
the 2017 and 2019 American League Championship Series; and be it further

 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be
transmitted to Rob Manfred, Commissioner of Major League Baseball.