

HB 2684 -- JOHN DONALDSON DAY

SPONSOR: Sharp (37)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill designates February 20th of each year as "John Donaldson Day".

This bill is the same as SB 1417 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that John Donaldson was one of the greatest pitchers of his era. Mr. Donaldson was not only a big deal to the Negro league, but to the town of Glasgow, Missouri. John Donaldson can also be credited with helping to create the name for the Kansas City Monarchs.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Sharp and Bennie Lewis, Negro League Baseball Museum .

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the State already has too many designation days. There are many great Missourians that deserve recognition.

Testifying in person against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.