

## House Resolution 89

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging professional athletes to exhibit proper conduct and good sportsmanship on and off  
2 the field of play and urging professional franchises and their governing bodies to take  
3 appropriate actions to ensure proper behavior by the players; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, professional athletes have a profound effect on the children of this state and it  
5 is, therefore, unfortunate that some professional athletes have chosen to engage in  
6 unsportsmanlike and undignified conduct, some of which may amount to criminal  
7 misconduct in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, this pattern of behavior has resulted in the arrest and conviction of numerous  
9 professional athletes, has been widely reported in the news media, and has caused an adverse  
10 affect on the young people of this state, who often view professional athletes as role models;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this pattern of behavior sets a bad example and influences young people to  
13 believe that this type of conduct is an acceptable way to live their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this state have provided facilities for professional sports  
15 franchises in this state; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this body believe that the best and most effective way to  
17 enforce standards of good behavior and sportsmanship is through action of the professional  
18 franchises and their governing bodies by requiring contract provisions controlling such  
19 conduct.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body urge professional athletes to exhibit proper conduct and good  
22 sportsmanship on and off the field of play and urge professional franchises and their  
23 governing bodies to take appropriate actions to ensure proper behavior by the players,

1 including contract provisions which would authorize the termination of players and the  
2 imposition of economic sanctions and loss of benefits for such misconduct.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to all professional sports franchises  
5 operating in this state and to their league offices.