

## House Resolution 134

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Women's Sports Foundation and the Atlanta Women's Foundation; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly understands and values the importance of sports  
4 and physical fitness in developing physical, mental, and emotional health, fostering active  
5 and constructive leisure habits, and instilling in student athletes the confidence and  
6 leadership skills vital for success in many areas of life; and

7 WHEREAS, the 2000 Equity in Sports Act enacted by the Georgia General Assembly  
8 enforces the requirement for high schools to provide girls with athletic opportunities equal  
9 to boys including the same quality coaching and facilities, as well as equal access to  
10 favorable practice and game times; and

11 WHEREAS, the Women's Sports Foundation and others have published research indicating  
12 that sport and physical activity reduce girls' risk for health-related problems including  
13 obesity, diabetes, and poor self-image; and

14 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Women's Foundation and the Women's Sports Foundation have  
15 partnered to bring to Atlanta GoGirlGo!, a national award-winning education and physical  
16 activity program for girls aged 8 to 18, that includes grants to provide girl-serving agencies  
17 with funding for sports and physical activity programming and a public activism campaign  
18 to increase the physical activity level of girls in metropolitan Atlanta.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia General Assembly encourages  
20 the citizens of metropolitan Atlanta to become involved in the GoGirlGo! Atlanta three-year  
21 initiative to get 100,000 inactive girls moving; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia General Assembly encourages parents and  
23 guardians of inactive girls to bring their daughters to the free GoGirlGo! Week "Open

1 House" events held throughout metropolitan Atlanta on January 31 through February 6, 2005,  
2 to engage in healthy physical activity; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia General Assembly applauds the efforts of  
4 the Atlanta Women's Foundation and the Women's Sports Foundation to advance the health  
5 and well-being of metropolitan Atlanta girls through GoGirlGo! Atlanta; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Women's Sports Foundation  
8 and the Atlanta Women's Foundation.