

House Resolution 1889

By: Representative Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia High School Association to encourage high school athletes to undergo  
2 heart screenings; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2010, 14 year-old William Darrin Davis collapsed and passed  
4 away after high school track practice, the victim of an undiagnosed inherited heart disorder;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, young William and too many other student athletes could have been saved if  
7 they had undergone a simple heart screening which would have brought their heart defects  
8 to light; and

9 WHEREAS, such screenings are both available and affordable, and there is the possibility  
10 of private funds to assist those who cannot afford this life-saving procedure; and

11 WHEREAS, student athletes and their parents should be educated about the importance and  
12 availability of such screenings and encouraged to have the procedure done.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the Georgia High School Association is urged to notify students and parents about the  
15 importance and availability of heart screenings and to encourage high school athletes to have  
16 the procedure done.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia High School  
19 Association and the press.