

House Resolution 2041

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 89th, and Mosby of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the need for the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County Board
 2 of Commissioners to work together for the use of middle school facilities to provide after
 3 school recreational activities for children in grades K through 12; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, studies have shown that the highest crime rates for school age children occurs
 5 during the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, during the after school
 6 hours where many children are left without supervision or constructive activities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, organized recreational activities for school age children provide numerous
 8 benefits for the physical and emotional well being of a child, including exercise, a safe
 9 environment, the development of social skills through learning sportsmanship, a sense of
 10 belonging from team camaraderie, and an outlet for overcoming stress and boredom; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the provision of organized sports also benefits society by helping children to
 12 develop the positive life skills which are necessary to support productive lives in the
 13 community; and
- 14 WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide community based recreational activities to school age
 15 children and the chairpersons of the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb County
 16 Board of Commissioners should be urged to come together in a spirit of cooperation so as
 17 to provide this essential government service to the children of DeKalb County; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the General Assembly and the State of Georgia
 19 that the doors of the local middle schools to be unlocked throughout DeKalb County to allow
 20 for organized sports for all school age children within this local community.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
 22 this body recognizes the need for the DeKalb County Board of Education and DeKalb

23 County Board of Commissioners to work together for the use of middle school facilities to
24 provide after school recreational activities for children in grades K through 12.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the members of the DeKalb
27 County Board of Education and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners.