

## House Resolution 1253

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Kidd of the 145<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging local boards of education, nonpublic elementary and secondary schools,  
2 governing bodies of charter schools, and public recreation facilities to render instruction on  
3 dugout safety to youth athletes participating in the sport of baseball and to construct  
4 protective dugout coverings; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known to be in honor of Colton Shaw; and

6 WHEREAS, the sport of baseball is played by thousands of youth athletes in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, high velocity baseballs can enter a dugout during a baseball game and cause  
8 serious injury to youth athletes; and

9 WHEREAS, providing instruction to youth athletes on being aware of high velocity baseballs  
10 which may enter a dugout during a baseball game and constructing protective dugout  
11 coverings with such material as netting can save lives and prevent injuries; and

12 WHEREAS, all institutions, organizations, and public recreation authorities that organize  
13 youth athletics in the sport of baseball should employ measures for dugout safety.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body join together to encourage all local boards of education, nonpublic  
16 elementary and secondary schools, governing bodies of charter schools, and public recreation  
17 facilities to:

18 (1) At the beginning of each baseball season, render instruction on dugout safety to youth  
19 athletes participating in the sport of baseball, including, but not limited to, instruction on  
20 being aware of high velocity baseballs which may enter a dugout during a baseball game  
21 and the importance of remaining attentive to such possibility; and

22 (2) Provide overhead and side covering of dugouts with protective materials, including,  
23 but not limited to, netting.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 Department of Education, the Georgia High School Association, the Association County  
27 Commissioners of Georgia, and the Georgia Municipal Association.