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By: Senator Jewell

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF UNITED STATES ATHLETES BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE PERSONS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD CLASS ATHLETIC COMPETITION.

WHEREAS, for generations the cost of training athletes to represent the United States has been borne in large part by the athletes and their families; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the financial hardships our athletes have endured not only the strenuous physical training but the devotion of a significant portion of their time in their endeavors to become a symbol of the greatness of this country; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the hardships our athletes have performed in a superior fashion; and

WHEREAS, in recent decades the performances of athletes from other nations have begun to surpass that of American athletes; and

WHEREAS, although the federal government provides little aid to our athletes it provides significant financial aid to not only countries which are our allies but to countries which are not our allies, and which countries provide significant financial support for their athletes; and

WHEREAS, if the United States is to continue to field the number and quality of athletes it has in the past in international competition, it is necessary that we relieve the financial constraints which are destroying our international competition athletic program,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas hereby petitions President George Bush to do everything within his power to provide financial support to the athletics who are training to become ambassadors for the United States in the field of international athletic competition.