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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO CONDEMN THE USE OF RACIAL EPITHETS AT SCHOOL
10 SPORTING EVENTS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS.

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17 WHEREAS, school activity programs are vital in teaching young people
18 lifelong lessons; and

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20 WHEREAS, the purpose of interscholastic sports activities should be to
21 promote citizenship and sportsmanship, instill a sense of pride in the
22 community, teach teamwork and self-discipline, and facilitate the physical
23 and emotional development of our youth; and

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25 WHEREAS, competitive sports tend to create natural rivalries among
26 teams, and such rivalries should be used to cultivate healthy emotional
27 development and respect for the abilities and diversity of everyone; and

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29 WHEREAS, to allow or ignore the use of racial epithets before, during,
30 or after interscholastic sports activities would be a failed opportunity and
31 counterproductive to the Arkansas Activities Association's mission of
32 "Building Citizenship Through Activities Participation"; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Activities Association's rules require
35 superintendents and principals of schools to be responsible for providing
36 leadership by implementation of good sportsmanship policies in each school



1 for not only the students and coaches but also for fans; and

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3 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Activities Association requires each school to
4 have policies requiring good sportsmanship and to be prepared to expel any
5 person who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct. The Arkansas Activities
6 Association details specific sanctions for not complying with good
7 sportsmanship policies,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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13 THAT the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas
14 encourages administrators, coaches, participants, and fans to report to the
15 school district and the Arkansas Activities Association any use of racial
16 epithets during school sporting events.

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18 THAT for participants, coaches, administrators, or fans of either the
19 offending team or the offended team to ignore such conduct is not conducive
20 to teaching our youth the importance of respect for the abilities and
21 diversity of everyone.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk
24 of the House of Representatives shall mail a copy of this resolution to the
25 following organizations, and the General Assembly hereby requests that each
26 organization provide a copy of this resolution to each of its members:

- 27 (1) The Arkansas Activities Association;
28 (2) The Arkansas Officials Association;
29 (3) The Arkansas High School Athletic Administrator Association;
30 (4) The Arkansas High School Coaches Association;
31 (5) The Arkansas Cheerleading Coaches Association;
32 (6) The Arkansas Drill/Dance Team Association;
33 (7) The Arkansas Track Coaches Association;
34 (8) The Arkansas Association of School Boards;
35 (9) The Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators; and
36 (10) The Arkansas Education Association.