

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes,
2 rebuking any organization that knowingly allows or encourages
3 athletes to use performance-enhancing drugs and urging all
4 high school and college coaches and athletic directors in
5 this Commonwealth to educate themselves and their athletes
6 about the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.

7 WHEREAS, Use of performance-enhancing drugs, commonly
8 referred to as doping, is rampant among some professional
9 athletes, especially those participating in strongman
10 competitions such as "World's Strongest Man," "The Arnold" and
11 "America's Strongest Man"; and

12 WHEREAS, The use of performance-enhancing drugs, including
13 anabolic steroids, androstenedione, human growth hormone,
14 erythropoietin, diuretics and stimulants, poses serious health
15 risks, such as the increased chance of suffering a heart attack
16 or stroke, of developing liver and other cancers and of
17 triggering mood and hormonal imbalances; and

18 WHEREAS, Knowingly allowing or encouraging athletes to use
19 performance-enhancing drugs not only jeopardizes their lives,

1 but also the lives of young aspiring athletes who may be unaware
2 of the risks of using performance-enhancing drugs and oftentimes
3 are influenced by the conduct of the athletes they hope to
4 emulate; and

5 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the Digital
6 Citizens Alliance, a consumer group working to make the Internet
7 safer, 77% of young males, 14 years of age to 25 years of age,
8 said steroid use by professional athletes gave young athletes
9 the impression that taking performance-enhancing drugs was
10 necessary to succeed in professional sports or improve their
11 game; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn the use
13 of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes and rebuke any
14 organization that knowingly allows or encourages athletes to use
15 performance-enhancing drugs; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all high
17 school and college coaches and athletic directors in this
18 Commonwealth to educate themselves and their athletes about the
19 dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.