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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2016

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" owned by IMG,
11 "Arnold Sports Festival," "Arnold Classic," "Arnold Fitness
12 Expo," "Arnold Strongman Classic," "America's Strongest Man,"
13 "Arnold Amateur Strongman World Championship," and other similar
14 events sponsored by North American Strongman; United States
15 Strongman; International Powerlifting Association; Starting
16 Strongman; Westside Barbell; Joe Weider Enterprise;
17 International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness; American
18 Strongman Corporation; Strongman Corporation; Olympia Strongman
19 Challenge; and Strongman Champions League; and

1 WHEREAS, The use of performance-enhancing drugs, including
2 anabolic steroids, androstenedione, human growth hormone,
3 erythropoietin, diuretics and stimulants, poses serious health
4 risks, such as the increased chance of suffering a heart attack
5 or stroke, of developing liver and other cancers and of
6 triggering mood and hormonal imbalances; and

7 WHEREAS, Knowingly allowing or encouraging athletes to use
8 performance-enhancing drugs not only jeopardizes their lives,
9 but also the lives of young aspiring athletes who may be unaware
10 of the risks of using performance-enhancing drugs and oftentimes
11 are influenced by the conduct of the athletes they hope to
12 emulate; and

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn the use
20 of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes and rebuke any
21 organization that knowingly allows or encourages athletes to use
22 performance-enhancing drugs; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
24 Department of Education to notify all public and private schools
25 in this Commonwealth of the adoption of this resolution and also
26 urge all high school and college coaches and athletic directors
27 in this Commonwealth to educate themselves and their athletes
28 about the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.