

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 31

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2       **Whereas**, since January 1, 1993, the federal Professional and Amateur Sports  
3 Promotion Act, 28 U.S.C. Section 3701 et seq., has prohibited states and local governments from  
4 authorizing sports wagering; and

5       **Whereas**, under the terms of the federal law, Nevada is the only state where sports  
6 wagering is legally permitted, and this activity has resulted in great direct and indirect revenues  
7 to Nevada's economy; and

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9       **Whereas**, according to the Nevada Gaming Control Board, a Super Bowl-record  
10 \$94.5 million was legally wagered in Nevada on the 2006 Super Bowl, approximately \$93  
11 million was wagered on the 2007 Super Bowl, and approximately \$92.1 million was wagered  
12 on the 2008 Super Bowl; and

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14       **Whereas**, the record-setting 2006 Super Bowl weekend generated about \$102.4  
15 million in nongaming economic impact as the game attracted 285,000 visitors to Las Vegas; and

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17       **Whereas**, it is estimated that Nevada's legal sports wagering represents less than  
18 1% of all sports wagering nationwide; and

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20       **Whereas**, according to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, illegal  
21 sports wagering amounts to approximately \$380 billion each year; and

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23       **Whereas**, the federal sports wagering ban is not effective in curbing illegal sports  
24 gambling, so that lifting the ban on sports wagering would allow state gaming enforcement  
25 agencies to properly regulate and police this activity; and

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27       **Whereas**, the State of Missouri would benefit significantly from an end to the  
28 federal ban, as sports wagering in this state would be subject to the existing gambling taxes in  
29 Missouri, thereby generating more income for the State of Missouri; and

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31       **Whereas**, the legalization of sports wagering would enhance Missouri as a gaming  
32 and tourism destination:

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34       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
35 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
36 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to remove the federal ban on sports  
37 wagering; and

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39       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
41 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Congress and to each member of the  
42 Missouri Congressional delegation.

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