

House Concurrent Resolution No. 73

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **WHEREAS**, the University of Missouri Tigers have always attempted to "Win It Right"
2 and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has failed to "Make It Right" by the
3 University; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the NCAA, by its own admission in its public infractions decision, admitted
6 that the University of Missouri upheld NCAA standards by self-reporting of the violation; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the NCAA, in its own initial decision, claimed that the University of
9 Missouri provided "exemplary cooperation" and "affirmative steps to expedite final resolution",
10 had "an established history of self-reporting Level III or secondary violations", and that the
11 University had "prompt acknowledgment of the violation, acceptance of responsibility and
12 imposition of meaningful corrective measures and/or penalties"; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the University of Missouri's leadership stood for integrity by reporting the
15 violation and held the various parties involved responsible for their actions before the NCAA's
16 adjudication process; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the initial decision of postseason bans for the University of Missouri's
19 softball, baseball, and football teams; forced scholarship reductions; recruiting restrictions; a
20 substantial loss of revenue to the University via the lack of conference postseason revenue
21 sharing; and a three-year probation was inconsistent with precedents in infractions decisions by
22 the NCAA; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, because the NCAA's Committee on Infractions panel decision was
25 appalling and a clear abuse of their discretion based upon the NCAA's existing bylaws, the
26 University of Missouri appealed the decision; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the NCAA took more than eight months to process the appeal and released
29 its decision a mere three days before the Tigers' last football game of the season; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, in upholding the initial decision of the Committee on Infractions panel, the
32 NCAA has: created a chilling effect on member institutions self-reporting violations, cooperating
33 in investigations, and taking self-correcting actions; provided uneven and inconsistent leadership
34 in its infractions decisions depending on which member institution is being punished; and
35 decided to uphold a patently harsh and hurtful punishment against a model member, the
36 University of Missouri; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, in upholding the decision, the NCAA has chosen to punish student athletes
39 who were not involved in the infractions since those who were involved have graduated; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the NCAA is cultivating an environment of distrust and confusion:

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43 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
44 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
45 concurring therein, hereby urge the University of Missouri and the Southeastern Conference to
46 lead in reforming the NCAA in order to improve the ethical and moral standing of the
47 association to ensure student athletes and member institutions are served equally, fairly, and with
48 integrity; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, if reforming the NCAA proves to be impossible,
51 the General Assembly urges the University of Missouri and the Southeastern Conference to take
52 the lead in forming a new intercollegiate athletic association that our institutions, conferences,
53 and student athletes deserve; and

54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly commends the leadership
55 of the University of Missouri for its honorable conduct in and approach to this loathsome
56 decision by the NCAA and the University's respectable handling of the self-reporting process,
57 and recommends the University uphold its integrity and honor in the face of adversity in the
58 future; and

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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
61 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
62 Athletic Director of the University of Missouri, the Chancellor of the University of Missouri, the
63 President of the University of Missouri System, the Board of Curators of the University of
64 Missouri System, the Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, and the President of the
65 NCAA.

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