



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois was founded in 1867 as  
3 a land grant university in the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois, one of the nation's  
5 great research universities, known for its distinguished  
6 faculty, its outstanding resources, and the breadth of its  
7 academic programs, is deeply committed to educating its large,  
8 diverse student body and to engaging in critical societal and  
9 scientific issues; and

10 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois is a voluntary member  
11 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association whose by-laws  
12 guarantee institutional autonomy; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Collegiate Athletic Association has  
14 issued a hostile and abusive edict that directly contradicts a  
15 1995 finding by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of  
16 Civil Rights; and

17 WHEREAS, The National Collegiate Athletic Association used  
18 inflammatory rhetoric that retards meaningful discussion and  
19 debate on a consensus process that has been in progress by the  
20 University of Illinois Board of Trustees since June 17, 2004;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
23 edict is a giant step backwards in the debate and has caused  
24 the loss of common ground to armies of divisiveness; therefore,  
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 the National Collegiate Athletic Association be denied the  
29 ability to compromise the sovereignty of the State of Illinois

1 and its institutions; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
3 the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and to the  
4 National Collegiate Athletic Association as an expression of  
5 our utmost resolve and support of institutional autonomy and a  
6 rebuke of the violation of institutional autonomy by the  
7 National Collegiate Athletic Association.