

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

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3 A Resolution encouraging the state board of regents to
4 establish a task force to review college student-
5 athlete graduation rates at the universities under
6 its control.

7 WHEREAS, college student-athletes must balance
8 their endeavors between academics and athletic
9 competition, making success in both challenging; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a significant gap between the
11 graduation rates of African-American student-athletes
12 and white student-athletes; and

13 WHEREAS, the national collegiate athletic
14 association tracks student-athlete graduation rates at
15 its member colleges and universities and promotes the
16 long-term importance of enrolling in and competing at
17 an institution with high student-athlete graduation
18 rates; and

19 WHEREAS, the state of Iowa values its student-
20 athletes and demands excellence in both academic
21 achievement and athletic competition; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa state university, the university of
23 Iowa, and the university of northern Iowa enjoy
24 success in recruiting student-athletes in this state
25 and throughout the nation and have a stake in ensuring
26 continued success; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
28 That the state board of regents is encouraged to
29 establish a task force to review college student-
30 athlete graduation rates at the institutions of higher

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1 education under the control of the state board of
2 regents and make recommendations on ways to improve
3 student-athlete graduation rates. The task force
4 shall consider the disparities that exist in the
5 graduation rates of the various subgroups of student-
6 athletes. The task force is also encouraged to review
7 the current policies and practices at the institutions
8 to determine whether best practices are being used to
9 promote academic excellence.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the state board of
11 regents submit the task force's findings and
12 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
13 January 15, 2006.

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