

House Resolution 712

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Scoggins of the 14th, and Mathis of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia High School Association to move golf to the fall season; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the push to move golf to the fall season currently has the support of the Georgia
4 High School Golf Coaches Association, the Georgia PGA section, the Georgia State Golf
5 Association, and more than 60 golf coaches from around the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, in areas such as Northwest Georgia, the unreliable and rainy spring weather
7 leaves golf courses in the worst condition of the year and makes scheduling extremely
8 difficult, putting the burden on programs to travel south for tournaments and do work
9 indoors; and

10 WHEREAS, golf players serious about their performance work on their games during the
11 summer, and although some of the best in the country play in the State of Georgia, their
12 talents and skills are not showcased properly by the soggy and gray-skied winter and spring;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, if played in the fall, golf courses around the state would benefit from increased
15 patronage from amateur or younger players and be better able to host and schedule events;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, according to a recent NFHS article, golf is rising in popularity and is one of just
18 a few sports to show increased participation at the high school level, resulting in an issue that
19 will only continue to grow in severity if left unaddressed; and

20 WHEREAS, during the fall, college coaches are more able to travel and scout new players
21 at high school events; moving golf to the fall would result in an immediate boost in status
22 and new player recruitment for the youth of this state; and

23 WHEREAS, in order for the State of Georgia to remain a place in which golf competition
24 can thrive, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this change be made.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body urge the Georgia High School Association to move golf to the fall
27 season in accordance with the wishes of the many golf organizations, coaches, and players
28 in this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 public and the press.