

1           A RESOLUTION encouraging the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to  
2 reconsider its recent decision to reduce the number of golfers from five to four who are  
3 allowed to play in the state tournament.

4           WHEREAS, competing for a high school state championship is the pinnacle of  
5 competition for any young athlete in this Commonwealth; and

6           WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
7 (KHSAA) made the decision to reduce the number of competitors a team can bring to the  
8 golf state tournament from five to four; and

9           WHEREAS, while the reasoning given for this drastic change was, per KHSAA  
10 commissioner Julian Tackett, an attempt to address "longstanding concerns over the pace  
11 of play," it is the belief of this body that the rule should be rescinded; and

12           WHEREAS, there are countless examples where this rule would be detrimental, one  
13 being the 2019 state championship recently won by the Lexington Christian Academy  
14 girls' golf team, which used the strength of all five of its players to carry it to a title; and

15           WHEREAS, allowing only four golfers to compete would be devastating to teams  
16 who have five capable, championship-caliber golfers, and would harm the reputation of a  
17 sport that has seen increased interest over the past decade; and

18           WHEREAS, four-time PGA Tour winner Steve Flesch noted that the KHSAA's  
19 decision was "not growing the game or encouraging youth" and that it was "tone deaf";  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, this body encourages the KHSAA to think of the young golfers who  
22 would be left out of the once-in-a-lifetime achievement that is participating in a state  
23 tournament, and urges the KHSAA to rethink this deeply flawed decision;

24           NOW, THEREFORE,

25           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
26 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

27           ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby encourage the

- 1 Kentucky High School Athletic Association to reconsider its recent decision to reduce
- 2 from five to four the number of golfers who are allowed to play in the state tournament.
- 3       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 4 copy of this Resolution to Representative Stan Lee.