

REFERENCE TITLE: pickleball; official state sport

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Introduced by
Senator Carroll

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DECLARING PICKLEBALL AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SPORT OF ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, invented in 1965, pickleball is deeply rooted in Arizona's
2 communities and has become a defining recreational activity across this
3 state, played by residents of all ages and abilities; and

4 Whereas, Arizona is a national and global hub for pickleball with
5 the highest number of dedicated pickleball courts per capita in the United
6 States, reflecting the sport's extraordinary growth and adoption
7 statewide; and

8 Whereas, health and wellness are central to Arizona's identity, and
9 pickleball uniquely supports physical fitness, mental well-being and
10 social connection in an accessible, low-impact format suitable for
11 lifelong participation; and

12 Whereas, the sport's national governing body is headquartered in
13 Arizona, making this state the epicenter of pickleball and further
14 solidifying this state's leadership role in the growth and development of
15 pickleball; and

16 Whereas, pickleball has a significant presence throughout Arizona,
17 including active adult and retirement communities, municipal parks and
18 recreation programs, elementary schools, high schools and universities and
19 community centers and public facilities; and

20 Whereas, pickleball promotes inclusivity and accessibility with
21 organized participation across youth programs, disability and adaptive
22 sports, underserved communities and community-based programs such as
23 correctional facilities; and

24 Whereas, pickleball strengthens intergenerational engagement,
25 bringing together families, neighbors and communities in a shared active
26 environment.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
29 Representatives concurring:

30 That the Members of the Legislature recognize the cultural, social
31 and health contributions of pickleball to Arizona communities and declare
32 pickleball as the official state sport of Arizona.