



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 29

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to pass legislation requiring professional
2 sports leagues to permit community ownership of their franchises.

3 Whereas, professional sports leagues set conditions on the ownership of their
4 franchises; and

5 Whereas, the leagues may forbid community ownership of franchises and some
6 leagues have done so; and

7 Whereas, the Green Bay Packers, a community-owned franchise, has
8 conclusively demonstrated the advantages of that kind of ownership, including
9 abolition of the possibility of moving the franchise and of the possibility of operating
10 the franchise in ways that harm the community; and

11 Whereas, the Packers have also demonstrated that community-owned teams
12 can be financially robust and highly successful on the playing field; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to enact legislation to require all professional
16 sports leagues to allow community-owned franchises; and, be it further

