
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STABACK, STURLA, TOEPEL, WATERS, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD AND
GOODMAN, JUNE 29, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
29, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Federal Title IX of the
2 Education Amendments of 1972, amendments barring
3 discrimination based on gender in scholastic athletics and
4 education.

5 WHEREAS, On June 23, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed
6 into law Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
7 (P.L.92-318, 86 Stat. 235), which provided that "No person in
8 the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from
9 participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to
10 discrimination under any education program or activity receiving
11 Federal financial assistance"; and

12 WHEREAS, Title IX granted women the same access as men to
13 federally funded programs and enabled millions of women to take
14 part in athletic and educational programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Title IX has provided an invaluable beacon for women

1 pursuing not only sports careers but also quality educations;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Title IX has enabled millions of girls and women to
4 learn important life lessons on teamwork, independence and
5 leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, Title IX has not only opened educational doors that
7 had previously been shut to women, but it also expanded
8 opportunities for women both on the playing field and in the
9 work force; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1972, an estimated 294,015 girls participated in
11 high school sports, but by the 2010-2011 school year, an
12 estimated 3,173,549 girls were competing in high school sports,
13 a 979% increase; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 40th anniversary of the Federal law Title IX of the Education
16 Amendments of 1972, which stands out as a landmark law, breaking
17 down barriers in sports for women and girls, helping millions of
18 girls and women reach their potential on and off the field of
19 play, both in this Commonwealth and across the United States.