
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 2, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Girls and Women in
2 Sports Day" celebrated on February 4, 2015.

3 WHEREAS, Since 1987, the National Girls and Women in Sports
4 Coalition has declared February 4 as "National Girls and Women
5 in Sports Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has recognized the
7 importance of girls and women in sports through Title IX, which
8 governs the overall equity of treatment and opportunity in
9 athletics so that women have equal opportunities to participate
10 in athletics; and

11 WHEREAS, The number of girls playing high school sports has
12 increased from fewer than 300,000 during the 1971-1972 school
13 year to nearly 3,209,000 during the 2012-2013 school year; and

14 WHEREAS, The number of women playing college sports grew from

1 fewer than 32,000 in 1972 to nearly 200,000 from 2012-2013; and
2 WHEREAS, Despite great advancement, high school girls still
3 receive 1,300,000 fewer participation opportunities than do boys
4 and the money spent on girls' sports is still far less than that
5 spent on boys' sports; and

6 WHEREAS, High school girls who play sports are more likely to
7 get better grades in school and are more likely to graduate than
8 girls who do not play sports; and

9 WHEREAS, As little as four hours of exercise a week may
10 reduce a girl's risk of breast cancer, osteoporosis and obesity;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Girls and women who play sports tend to have a more
13 positive body image, higher levels of confidence and self-esteem
14 and experience higher states of psychological well-being than
15 girls and women who do not play sports; and

16 WHEREAS, The celebration of "National Girls and Women in
17 Sports Day" would increase awareness of the importance sports
18 play in the lives of girls and women in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, February 4, 2015, has been designated as "National
20 Girls and Women in Sports Day" by the National Girls and Women
21 in Sports Coalition; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
23 and ideals of "National Girls and Women in Sports Day"
24 celebrated on February 4, 2015.