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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BULLOCK, MARCH 27, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 27, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 45th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of  
2 the Education Amendments of 1972 barring discrimination based  
3 on gender in scholastic athletics and education.

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

11 WHEREAS, Title IX grants girls the same access as boys to  
12 federally funded programs and enables millions of girls to take  
13 part in athletic and educational programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Title IX gives females pursuing not only sports  
15 careers, but also quality educations the right to equal  
16 opportunity; and

1       WHEREAS, Title IX has addressed inequality in mathematics and  
2 science education and increased diversity in the fields of  
3 science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

4       WHEREAS, Since its passage, Title IX has enabled millions of  
5 females to learn important life lessons on teamwork,  
6 independence and leadership; and

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

11       WHEREAS, In 1972, an estimated 294,015 girls participated in  
12 high school sports, but by the 2014-2015 school year, an  
13 estimated 3,287,735 girls were competing in high school sports;  
14 therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 45th anniversary of the Federal Title IX of the Education  
17 Amendments of 1972, which stands out as a landmark law, breaking  
18 down gender barriers in sports and helping millions of females  
19 reach their potential on and off the field of play, both in this  
20 Commonwealth and across the United States.