

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—SENATORS MATHEWS, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

FEBRUARY 20, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN LESLIE, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes February 20, 2001, as Girls and Women in Sports Day in Nevada. (BDR R-788)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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- 1 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Girls Incorporated, the
- 2 National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, the Women’s Sports
- 3 Foundation and the YWCA of the U.S.A. joined together to celebrate the
- 4 15th Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Washington,
- 5 D.C., on February 7, 2001; and
- 6 WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day is commemorated
- 7 to acknowledge the history of women in sports and to recognize current
- 8 athletic achievements by women, the positive influence of sports
- 9 participation and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women
- 10 in sports; and
- 11 WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a
- 12 day to remember and honor Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her
- 13 athletic achievements and her commitment to ensure equality for women’s
- 14 sports, and that day has been observed each year since then to celebrate the



1 accomplishments of all women athletes and to increase awareness of the
2 obstacles yet to be overcome to achieve equality of women in sports; and

3 WHEREAS, The history of girls and women in sports is rich and long, yet
4 there has been little national recognition of the significance of the athletic
5 achievements of girls and women; and

6 WHEREAS, Girls' and women's athletics, at all levels, is one of the most
7 effective avenues available through which girls and women in the United
8 States may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership
9 skills regardless of their background; and

10 WHEREAS, The bonds built between girls and women through athletics
11 help to break down the social barriers of racism and prejudice, and the
12 communication and cooperation skills that are learned play a key role in
13 the athlete's contributions within her home, at work and to society in
14 general; and

15 WHEREAS, A need exists for increased opportunities for girls to
16 participate in and pursue physical activity at the community and scholastic
17 level to increase their health and well-being on a daily basis so that they are
18 able to develop lifelong fitness habits at an early age; and

19 WHEREAS, The theme for this year, "No Stopping Us Now," recognizes
20 the growth in the number of athletic opportunities open to women since the
21 enactment of Title IX in 1971, when 1 in 27 girls in high school
22 participated in athletics and the average college spent less than 2 cents per
23 dollar of the athletic budget on women; and

24 WHEREAS, The theme "No Stopping Us Now" illustrates the focused
25 commitment to increase the recognition of female athletes and to increase
26 further the number of girls and women who participate in sports in the
27 future; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
29 CONCURRING, That the members of the Legislature join the University of
30 Nevada, Reno, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Pack PAWS
31 (Promoting and Advancing Women in Sports), and Girl Scouts of Northern
32 Nevada in celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day on
33 February 20, 2001; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are hereby urged
35 to observe National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Nevada by
36 recognizing the important role athletics play in the development of young
37 women and by supporting athletic programs for girls and women on the
38 local and national level throughout the year.

