

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing February 20, 2001, as Girls and Women in Sports Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Girls Incorporated, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, the Women’s Sports Foundation and the YWCA of the U.S.A. joined together to celebrate the 15th Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Washington, D.C., on February 7, 2001; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day is commemorated to acknowledge the history of women in sports and to recognize current athletic achievements by women, the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember and honor Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and her commitment to ensure equality for women’s sports, and that day has been observed each year since then to celebrate the accomplishments of all women athletes and to increase awareness of the obstacles yet to be overcome to achieve equality of women in sports; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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