

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 43rd 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, Over the years, Title IX has addressed inequality in
2 mathematics and science education and increased diversity in the
3 fields of 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 2013-2014 school year, an
13 estimated 3,267,664 girls were competing in high school sports;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 43rd 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.