

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 8

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This measure would commemorate the accomplishments of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contributions in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential, and would proclaim February 1, 2006, as California Girls and Women in Sports Day.

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day was created in 1987 to honor Flo Hyman, a volleyball legend, and her dedication to the advancement of equality for women in sports; and

WHEREAS, Despite the struggles, women have been making considerable advances in professional, collegiate, club, intramural, masters, high school, junior high school, youth, and recreational sports; and

WHEREAS, Many female athletes have distinguished themselves as representatives of California and the nation in the Olympic and Paralympic games; and

WHEREAS, Childhood obesity has increased in the last three years. Currently, 28 percent of California's children are overweight; and

WHEREAS, The increasing problem of obesity and physical inactivity will cost California an estimated \$28 billion annually in medical care, workers' compensation, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, Participation in sports and physical education is acknowledged as a positive force in developing and promoting the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of individuals; 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 learned play a key role in the athlete's contributions at home, at work, and to society; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to encourage women of all ages to compete in and contribute to sports at all levels of competition and recreation and help prepare the next generation of female sports leaders; and

WHEREAS, Girls' and women's athletics at all levels is one of the most effective avenues available through which women in America may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, The combined efforts of Girls Incorporated, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS), the Women’s Sports Foundation, the Girl Scouts of the United States, and the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) of the United States have served to bring needed information and important recognition of this day; and

WHEREAS, The continued support of the NAGWS mission statement by the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and the athletic programs of the California Community College Commission on Athletics, and the California Interscholastic Federation have furthered the dreams and inspired today’s female athletes; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year’s 20th annual national celebration, “Count Me In,” supports the ongoing struggle for access and equality, both on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature commemorates the accomplishments of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contributions in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential, and hereby proclaims February 1, 2006, as California Girls and Women in Sports Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport support actions by state and local governments and local educational agencies that will provide for high-quality daily physical education programs, physical activity programs, and sports programs for all children in kindergarten through grade 12; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.