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Legislation Text

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To observe and celebrate the twenty-sixth annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day, and to recognize the Greater Columbus Sports Commission on the occasion of its second annual Women's Sports Report.

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2012, thousands of athletes, sports educators, coaches, athletic directors, recreation directors, association members, sponsors, students, and parents across the country will observe the twenty-sixth annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Title IX at 40: In It for the Long Run," celebrates the landmark 1972 law that states "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance"; and

WHEREAS, while tremendous progress has been made since the enactment of Title IX, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport notes that high school girls still receive fewer participation opportunities than do boys, and evidence suggests that the amount of money spent on girls' sports programs lags significantly behind the money spent on boys' programs; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, whose mission is the attraction of sporting events to Columbus, will host its second annual Women's Sports Report to commemorate National Girls and Women in Sports Day and celebrate the athletic successes of women and girls in central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the breakfast will have an Olympic theme and will feature three-time Olympic gold winner and Ohio State alum Katie Smith, U.S. Weightlifting Olympic hopeful and former Ohio high school football star Holley Mangold, and other female sports leaders; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That we hereby observe and celebrate the twenty-sixth annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day, and recognize the Greater Columbus Sports Commission on the occasion of its second annual Women's Sports Report.