
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX, THE PATSY T. MINK EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION ACT.

1 WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, the
2 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, which provides
3 that, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of
4 sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits
5 of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education
6 program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance"; and
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8 WHEREAS, Title IX, enacted in 1972, has increased
9 opportunities for women and girls not only in athletics, but
10 also in access to higher education, professional and
11 nontraditional fields of study, and employment; and
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13 WHEREAS, Title IX can and has been invoked to protect
14 against sexual harassment and bullying related to sexual
15 orientation and gender identity; and
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17 WHEREAS, largely as a result of Title IX, female
18 participation and achievement in math, science, and other
19 traditionally male dominated academic fields has increased,
20 discrimination against girls and teachers who become pregnant
21 has decreased, sexual harassment in schools has been made
22 specifically illegal, standardized testing has become less
23 biased against girls, and women's participation in college
24 athletics has risen; and
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26 WHEREAS, substantial gains have been made to ensure equal
27 opportunity for women and girls in higher education across the
28 country, however, decades of court cases, startling statistics,
29 and unsuccessful challenges to Title IX suggest that non-
30 compliance with Title IX remains rampant across the United
31 States and that Title IX remains under attack; and



1 WHEREAS, although the leaps and bounds made by women and
2 girls due to Title IX have been recognized, there remains work
3 to be done and progress to be made toward furthering equality in
4 education for women and girls; and

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6 WHEREAS, Title IX is just as necessary today as it was when
7 it was originally enacted and our duty is to ensure that the
8 doors to academia and the playing field remain open to all girls
9 and women who choose to walk through them; and

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11 WHEREAS, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, the
12 Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, the House of
13 Representatives takes great pride in honoring those who have
14 dedicated their lives to increasing opportunities for women and
15 girls in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2012, that this body hereby recognizes the accomplishments
20 and celebrates the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, the Patsy T.
21 Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and commends Justice
22 Sabrina McKenna, Marilyn Moniz-Kahoochanohano, Jennifer Rose,
23 Jill Nunokawa, and Catherine Betts who have become exceptional
24 role models and have dedicated their lives to increasing
25 opportunities for women and girls in Hawaii.

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