

Senate Resolution 572

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Watson of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Dream and recognizing February 7, 2024, as
2 National Girls and Women in Sports Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, February 7, 2024, marks the 38th annual National Girls and Women in Sports
4 Day, which inspires girls and women to play, be active, and realize their full power, and no
5 organization better represents these ideals in the State of Georgia than the Atlanta Dream;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dream continues to positively impact this state as the longest
8 running women's professional sports team in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, under new ownership, executive leadership, and basketball operations, the team
10 has been revitalized in recent years by showcasing amazing women on the court, as well as
11 in leadership positions, including two of their three owners, the team president, and the head
12 coach; and

13 WHEREAS, the team has reemerged as one of the most exciting teams in the sport of
14 basketball, making the playoffs for the first time in five years and finishing with the fifth

15 most wins in the league while featuring three Women's National Basketball Association
16 All-Stars and a member of the All-Rookie Team; and

17 WHEREAS, the community has responded, generating an amazing experience inside
18 Gateway Arena and leading the entire league in sellout crowds; and

19 WHEREAS, the women of the Atlanta Dream have also made a positive impact off the court
20 as they have partnered with the King Center to become a Nonviolence365 organization;
21 engaged with thousands of students through the Power Her Dreams basketball clinics, which
22 teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts using basketball; given
23 thousands of backpacks to students through Coach Tanisha Wright's Backpack Drive; and
24 provided thousands of hygiene kits to their unhoused neighbors; and

25 WHEREAS, the women of the Atlanta Dream know the lifelong benefits that come from
26 participating in sports, including long-term mental, physical, emotional, educational, and
27 financial benefits, in addition to a reduction in rates of obesity, cancer, anxiety, and
28 depression, and want girls throughout Georgia to experience them as well; and

29 WHEREAS, the women of the Atlanta Dream are an inspiration to young girls throughout
30 the State of Georgia, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
31 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately
32 recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize and commend the Atlanta Dream for their continued success on the basketball
35 court and the positive impact they have made on the lives of women and girls in the State of
36 Georgia and recognize February 7, 2024, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta Dream
39 and to the public and the press.