

Senate Resolution 658

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Jordan of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Brass of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2018, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the NGWSD Coalition joins together to celebrate National Girls and Women
4 in Sports Day in Washington, D.C., and in communities across the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, this day exists in order to acknowledge the past and recognize current sports
6 achievements, the positive influence of sports participation, and the continuing struggle for
7 equality and access for women in sports; and

8 WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember
9 Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and commitment to
10 ensuring equality for women's sports; and

11 WHEREAS, the history of girls and women in sports is rich and long, yet there has been little
12 national recognition of the significance of girls' and women's athletic achievements; and

13 WHEREAS, girls' and women's athletics, at all levels, is one of the most effective avenues
14 available through which girls and women in the United States may develop self-discipline,
15 initiative, confidence, and leadership skills, regardless of background; and

16 WHEREAS, the bonds built between girls and women through athletics help to break down
17 the social barriers of racism and prejudice; and

18 WHEREAS, the communication and cooperation skills learned through girls' and women's'
19 athletics play a key role in an athlete's contributions to her home, work, and society; and

20 WHEREAS, a need for increased opportunities exists for girls to participate in and pursue
21 physical activity at the community and scholastic levels in order to increase their health and

22 well-being on a daily basis so that they are able to develop lifelong fitness habits at an early
23 age; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this great cause and mission for girls and
25 women be furthered through the recognition of February 7, 2018, as National Girls and
26 Women in Sports Day at the state capitol.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize February 7, 2018, as National Girls and Women in Sports Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
31 press.