

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND HONORING AND COMMENDING THE BOISE  
3 STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR ITS COURAGE AND COMMITMENT  
4 IN STANDING STRONGLY FOR THE INTEGRITY OF WOMEN'S SPORTS BY KEEPING  
5 WOMEN'S SPORTS FOR WOMEN ONLY IN ALIGNMENT WITH IDAHO'S FAIRNESS IN  
6 WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT AND GOVERNOR LITTLE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER.

7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 WHEREAS, participation in sports has played an important role in the  
9 lives of young girls everywhere by improving their physical, emotional,  
10 and psychological health, their self-confidence, and their discipline, and  
11 for a select few, women's sports provide a path for a future in collegiate  
12 sports; and

13 WHEREAS, the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,  
14 designed to prohibit sex-based discrimination, marked a pivotal moment in  
15 federal support for women in sports that applied to most postsecondary in-  
16 stitutions receiving federal financial assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to Title IX, one in 27 girls participated in high school  
18 sports, but today two in five girls participate in high school sports. This  
19 has led to a 990% increase in the number of girls playing high school sports  
20 and a 545% increase in the number of women playing college sports; and

21 WHEREAS, the Boise State University women's volleyball team took a  
22 stand for women and to protect women's sports on the basis of sex by for-  
23 feiting matches against the San Jose State University women's volleyball  
24 team that included a biological male on its roster on September 28, 2024, and  
25 November 21, 2024. The team exhibited integrity and remained true to its  
26 principles by deciding again to forfeit its match at the 2024 Mountain West  
27 Women's Volleyball Tournament against San Jose State; and

28 WHEREAS, in 2010 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)  
29 adopted a policy on transgender student-athlete participation that contin-  
30 ues today and disproportionately affects female athletes.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
32 sion of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
33 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature commends the Boise State  
34 University women's volleyball team for its principled stand in defending the  
35 integrity of women's athletics; recognizes the players' courage in uphold-  
36 ing fairness in competition; and reaffirms Idaho's commitment to protecting  
37 female athletes under Title IX, the Idaho Fairness in Women's Sports Act,  
38 and Governor Little's Executive Order 2024-08, which demonstrate Idaho's  
39 unwavering dedication to preserving fairness, equality, and the integrity  
40 of women's sports.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls on the Mountain West  
42 Conference to correct its regressive policy of allowing biological men in  
43 women's sports and to return to the original intent of Title IX, and to cor-

1 rect the Boise State University women's volleyball team record, as well as  
2 all other schools' records in the conference, to reflect all forfeits as "no  
3 contests" rather than losses.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls on the NCAA to revoke  
5 its transgender student-athlete participation policy, which directly dis-  
6 criminates against female student athletes in collegiate women's sports and  
7 ultimately placed the Boise State University women's volleyball team in this  
8 position; reminds the NCAA that President-elect Donald J. Trump has com-  
9 mitted to restore protections for women and girls in women's sports when he  
10 takes office, and a failure to change these regressive policies would place  
11 states in direct conflict with the federal government; and calls for the  
12 NCAA President, Charlie Baker, to acknowledge the directive to the NCAA from  
13 the 25 states that have passed legislation protecting fairness in women's  
14 sports. It is not necessary for the federal government to take action first  
15 as the states and the people have spoken and it is time for the NCAA to do the  
16 right thing.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Represen-  
18 tatives be, and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this  
19 Resolution to the following: the President of Boise State University, the  
20 Director of Athletics at Boise State University, the head coach of the Boise  
21 State University women's volleyball team, the members of the Boise State  
22 women's volleyball team, the Idaho State Board of Education, the President  
23 of the NCAA, the Chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Commissioner of the  
24 Mountain West Conference, and anyone else deemed appropriate.