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S. RES. 692

Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 into law.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. ERNST, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 into law.

Whereas, on June 23, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon signed the Education Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92–318; 86 Stat. 235) into law;

Whereas title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is commonly referred to and referenced in common vernacular as “title IX”;

Whereas title IX originally read, “No person in the United States shall, based on 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”;

Whereas Representatives Patsy T. Mink of Hawaii and Edith Green of Oregon and Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana are recognized as the early authors and sponsors of the legislative proposal that would eventually become title IX;

Whereas, on May 4, 1980, the Department of Education began enforcing title IX through the creation of the Office for Civil Rights;

Whereas, on February 26, 1992, in *Franklin v. Gwinnett County Public Schools*, 503 U.S. 60 (1992), the Supreme Court of the United States unanimously ruled that students who are subjected to sexual harassment in public schools may sue for monetary damages under title IX;

Whereas only 1 in 27 girls participated in school sports before title IX was enacted, and 2 in 5 girls now participate in school sports;

Whereas, in 1972, 12 percent more men than women received college degrees, but today, women are more likely than men to receive college degrees; and

Whereas, since title IX became the law of the land, women and girls have enjoyed increased access to higher education, graduation, athletic participation, and overall advancement in every facet of education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and celebrates the 50th anniversary of title IX of the Education Amendments of
3 1972 on June 23, 2022;

5 (2) honors and commemorates the work of
6 women’s rights activists who led the fight for the

1 equal treatment of men and women in education;
2 and

3 (3) encourages all women and girls in the
4 United States to continue pursuing academic and
5 athletic accomplishments, if they so choose.

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