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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK FOR CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF
EQUITY IN ATHLETICS ON BEHALF OF ALL WOMEN IN THE UNITED
STATES.

1 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink made a
2 tremendous impact on the people of Hawaii and the nation through
3 her illustrious career as an outstanding public servant; and
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5 WHEREAS, during her political career, she served a total of
6 thirty-three years in the Hawaii territorial house, the Hawaii
7 territorial senate, the Hawaii state senate, the Honolulu city
8 council, and the United States House of Representatives; and
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10 WHEREAS, a legislative trailblazer, Congresswoman Mink is
11 known for championing the rights of immigrants, minorities,
12 women, families, and children; and
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14 WHEREAS, compassionate, articulate, and focused,
15 Congresswoman Mink overcame gender and racial discrimination to
16 become one of the most influential leaders of her generation;
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19 WHEREAS, she attended the University of Nebraska, where she
20 experienced racial discrimination through a policy of segregated
21 student housing; and
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23 WHEREAS, characteristic of her strong sense of justice and
24 equality, she brought together other students, their parents,
25 the community, and university trustees to end the policy of
26 segregated student housing; and
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28 WHEREAS, she later returned Hawaii and attended the
29 University of Hawaii, graduating with degrees in zoology and
30 chemistry in 1948, but after her graduation from the university,



1 none of the numerous medical schools to which she applied
2 accepted women as students; and
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4 WHEREAS, as a result, Congresswoman Mink decided to study
5 law, instead of medicine, and was accepted by the University of
6 Chicago School of Law because she was considered a "foreign
7 student", obtaining her law degree in 1951; and
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9 WHEREAS, Patsy Takemoto Mink was the voice of compassion,
10 equality, and opportunity throughout her career in politics,
11 never wavering from her beliefs or her commitment to right the
12 wrongs in our society; and
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14 WHEREAS, Patsy Takemoto Mink was the first minority woman
15 member of the U.S. Congress, a territorial and state lawmaker
16 who helped shape modern Hawaii, and a pioneering national
17 legislator who co-authored Title IX in 1972, now known as the
18 "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act", that
19 prohibited gender discrimination, a measure that has been
20 credited with greatly expanding athletic programs for women in
21 the nation's colleges; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature honors
26 the legacy of Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink's contributions
27 to women's college athletics throughout this country; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Coordinator of the
31 Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation for Low-Income Women
32 and Children.
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