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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, as the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit  
2 sex discrimination against students and employees, Title IX was  
3 passed by the United States Congress on June 23, 1972, and  
4 signed by President Richard M. Nixon on July 1, 1972; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Title IX states that, "No person in the United  
7 States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from  
8 participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to  
9 discrimination under any education program or activity receiving  
10 Federal financial assistance..."; and  
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12           WHEREAS, before Title IX:  
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14           (1) Separate entrances for males and females were the norm  
15 in many schools and universities;  
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17           (2) Many medical and law schools strictly limited the  
18 number of women admitted;  
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20           (3) Women were required to have higher test scores and  
21 better grades than males to gain admission to colleges  
22 and universities; and  
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24           (4) Athletic scholarships for women were very rare; after  
25 winning two gold medals in the 1964 Olympics, swimmer  
26 Donna de Varona could not obtain a college swimming  
27 scholarship;  
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29           and

30           WHEREAS, Patsy Takemoto Mink experienced these inequities  
31 in education while attending the University of Hawaii,  
32 graduating with degrees in zoology and chemistry in 1948; but  
33 after her graduation from the University, none of the numerous



1 medical schools to which she applied accepted women as students;  
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4 WHEREAS, inspired by her own experiences as the first  
5 minority woman member of the United States Congress, Patsy  
6 Takemoto Mink co-authored Title IX in 1972, now known as the  
7 "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act," which  
8 is credited with greatly expanding athletic and educational  
9 programs for women in the nation's colleges; and

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11 WHEREAS, after the enactment of Title IX:

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13 (1) Female high school graduation rates increased from 43  
14 percent in 1973 to 63 percent in 1994;

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16 (2) By 1994, 38 percent of medical degrees were awarded to  
17 women, a great improvement from the nine percent  
18 awarded in 1972;

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20 (3) Today, more than 100,000 women participate in  
21 intercollegiate athletics, a four-fold increase from  
22 1971; and

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24 (4) Eighty percent of female managers of Fortune 500  
25 companies have a sports background;

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27 now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
31 that this body honors the legacy of Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto  
32 Mink's contributions to women's college athletics and education  
33 throughout this country; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Coordinator of the Patsy  
37 Takemoto Mink Education Foundation for Low-Income Women and  
38 Children.

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