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Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in Federally funded education programs or activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in Federally funded education programs or activities.

Whereas title IX is intended to ensure equity for women and girls by barring recipients of Federal education funding from discriminating on the basis of sex in—

- (1) student admissions;
- (2) recruitment;
- (3) scholarship awards and tuition assistance;
- (4) housing;
- (5) access to courses and other academic offerings;
- (6) counseling;
- (7) financial assistance;
- (8) employment assistance to students;

- (9) health and insurance benefits and services; and
- (10) all aspects of education-related employment;

Whereas title IX is most well known for prohibiting discrimination against women in sports;

Whereas the benefits of participation in athletics are clear, with research showing that student athletes—

- (1) graduate at higher rates;
- (2) perform better in school;
- (3) are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, smoke;

and

- (4) are less likely to develop mental illness or obesity;

Whereas adolescent females are twice as likely as adolescent males to suffer from depression, but studies have proven that athletic females have higher confidence, better self-images, and lower levels of depressions, which helps them succeed throughout their lives;

Whereas a majority of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports;

Whereas the parents of young girls have testified before Congress that it is equally important to them to coach their daughters in youth sports as it is to coach their sons;

Whereas when the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare issued the first policy guidance regarding title IX and athletics, the agency specifically noted that “on most campuses, the primary problem confronting female athletes is the absence of a fair and adequate level of resources, services, and benefits”;

Whereas since title IX was enacted, the number of women competing in college sports has soared by more than 600

percent, while the number of high school girls competing in sports increased by over 1,000 percent; and

Whereas as a result of title IX, countless women who may not have otherwise been able to pursue higher education have had the opportunity to attend college because of athletic scholarships: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the 40th anniversary of title IX as landmark legisla-
3 tion that has—

4 (1) allowed women to realize vast intellectual,
5 cultural, and athletic opportunities throughout the
6 United States;

7 (2) has contributed to the overall health and
8 well-being of women; and

9 (3) has contributed to the advancement of
10 women in every field from athletics to business to
11 science and technology.

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