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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to California Girls and Women in Sports Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 72, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. California Girls and Women in Sports Day: February 6, 2008.

This measure would commemorate the accomplishment of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contribution in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential, and would proclaim February 6, 2008, as California Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Girls and Women in Sport Division of the
2 California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation
3 and Dance, in partnership with many organizations supporting
4 sports opportunities for girls and women, celebrate the 22nd Annual
5 National Girls and Women in Sports Day in communities
6 throughout California; and
7 WHEREAS, This day exists to acknowledge the past and
8 recognize current sports achievements, the positive influence of
9 sports participation, and the continuing struggle for equality and
10 access for women in sports; and
11 WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began
12 in 1987, as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player, Flo

1 Hyman, for her athletic achievements and commitment to ensure
2 equality for women's sports; and

3 WHEREAS, This year, California, and the nation, lost Phyllis
4 Blatz, a trailblazer for equality of girls and women in sports and
5 athletics, to ovarian cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, The history of girls and women in sports is rich
7 and long, yet there has been little national recognition of the
8 significance of their athletic achievements; and

9 WHEREAS, Girls' and women's athletics, at all levels, is one
10 of the most effective avenues available through which women in
11 America may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence, and
12 leadership skills, regardless of background; and

13 WHEREAS, The bonds built between girls and women through
14 athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and
15 prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned
16 through sports play a key role in the athlete's contributions at
17 home, work, and to society; and

18 WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to encourage women
19 of all ages to compete in and contribute to sports at all levels of
20 competition and for recreation and to help prepare the next
21 generation of female sports leaders; and

22 WHEREAS, Girls and women of all ages are encouraged to
23 increase their self-esteem, confidence, leadership, and cooperative
24 skills via sports and physical activity; and

25 WHEREAS, A need for increased opportunities exists for girls
26 to participate in and pursue physical activity at the community and
27 scholastic level to increase health and well-being on a daily basis
28 so that they are able to develop lifelong fitness habits at an early
29 age; and

30 WHEREAS, The government encourages schools and
31 communities to hold events that offer participation opportunities
32 for youth along with acknowledgment for the contributions of
33 female athletes and sports leaders; and

34 WHEREAS, "All In" is the theme of this year's 22nd annual
35 national celebration; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature commemorates the
38 accomplishments of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports
39 administrators for their important contribution in promoting the
40 value of sports participation in the achievement of full human

1 potential, and hereby proclaims February 6, 2008, as California
2 Girls and Women in Sports Day; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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7 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

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