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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

# BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes and celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of Title IX and celebrates its history and impact.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of Title IX and to
3	celebrate its history and impact.
4	WHEREAS, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 was passed on June
5	23, 1972; and
6	WHEREAS, Representatives Patsy T. Mink and Edith Green led the fight in
7	Congress to pass this landmark legislation; and
8	WHEREAS, on October 29, 2002, Title IX was named the "Patsy Takemoto Mink
9	Equal Opportunity in Education Act" in recognition of Representative Mink's heroic,
10	visionary, and tireless leadership in developing and passing Title IX; and
11	WHEREAS, Title IX codifies protection from discrimination based on sex in
12	educational programs, stating that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex,
13	be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination
14	under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and
15	WHEREAS, Title IX helped tear down inequitable admissions policies, increase
16	opportunities for women in nontraditional fields of study such as math and science, improve
17	vocational education opportunities for women, reduce discrimination against pregnant
18	students and teen mothers, protect female students from sexual harassment in our schools,

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1	and increase athletic opportunities for girls and women; and
2	WHEREAS, Title IX has opened the doors of educational opportunity to millions of
3	women and girls across the nation; and
4	WHEREAS, Title IX applies to all public and private elementary schools, secondary
5	schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving any federal funding; and
6	WHEREAS, before the passage of Title IX, women and girls faced discrimination
7	and limited opportunities in higher education programs, athletics, and extracurricular
8	activities; and
9	WHEREAS, while Title IX has been instrumental in fostering fifty years of progress
10	toward equality in educational institutions and the workplace, there remains progress to be
11	made; and
12	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana remains committed to ensuring campus safety,
13	ending sex-based discrimination against all students in elementary, secondary, and higher
14	education, and providing equal opportunities for all students; and
15	WHEREAS, several coaches and athletes throughout the state of Louisiana have been
16	recognized as Title IX trailblazers in the realm of women's athletics, including Sue Gunter,
17	DD Breaux, Ann Smith, Yvette Girouard, Leon Barmore, Sonja Hogg, Louise "Do" Bonin,
18	Emma Ellerman Boozman, Lisa Brewer, Mona Davidson Martin, Dianne Pitmann McCain,
19	Pat Nolen Pierson, Robin Roberts, and many others; and
20	WHEREAS, Title IX has been the basis for Louisiana laws that protect students from
21	discrimination based on sex in Louisiana colleges and universities, laws requiring policy
22	creation and reform regarding power-based violence, and laws requiring power-based
23	violence accountability in Louisiana schools; and
24	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature, with dynamic leadership from its female
25	Senate and House members, passed significant and comprehensive bills in 2021, which were
26	signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards, that expanded Title IX laws on a state level
27	through the development of power-based violence laws.
28	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29	commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title IX, and commends the national movement and
30	state focus on increased equality for and fair treatment of all students.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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