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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Recognizes and celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the enactment of Title IX and celebrates its history and impact

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and commemorate the fiftieth 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
5 June 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,
19 and increase athletic opportunities for girls and women; and

20 WHEREAS, Title IX has opened the doors of educational opportunity to millions of
21 women and girls across the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Title IX applies to all public and private elementary schools, secondary
2 schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving any federal funding; and

3 WHEREAS, before the passage of Title IX, women and girls faced discrimination
4 and limited opportunities in higher education programs, athletics, and extracurricular
5 activities; and

6 WHEREAS, while Title IX has been instrumental in fostering fifty years of progress
7 toward equality in educational institutions and the workplace, there remains progress to be
8 made; and

9 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana remains committed to ensuring campus safety,
10 ending sex-based discrimination against all students in elementary, secondary, and
11 postsecondary education, and providing equal opportunities for all students; and

12 WHEREAS, several coaches and athletes throughout the state of Louisiana have been
13 recognized as Title IX trailblazers in the realm of women's athletics; and

14 WHEREAS, Title IX has been the basis for Louisiana laws that protect students from
15 discrimination based on sex in Louisiana colleges and universities, laws requiring policy
16 creation and reform regarding power-based violence, and laws requiring power-based
17 violence accountability in Louisiana schools; and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana, with dynamic leadership from its women
19 members, passed significant and comprehensive bills in 2021, which were signed into law
20 by Governor John Bel Edwards, that expanded Title IX protection through power-based
21 violence laws.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary
24 of the enactment of Title IX and does celebrate its history and impact.

DIGEST

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