

## House Resolution 69

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 9, 2005, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commending and
- 2 inviting Georgia's outstanding female athletes to appear before the House of Representatives;
- 3 and for other purposes.
  
- 4 WHEREAS, "Girls and Women in Sports Day" began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic
- 5 volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and her commitment to assure
- 6 equality for women's sports; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia will join the nation in celebrating "Girls and Women in Sports Day"
- 8 on February 9, 2005, for the purpose of recognizing women and girls in sports across
- 9 Georgia, celebrating the outstanding achievements of female athletes, and directing attention
- 10 to the unique issues facing females in sports; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, it has been proven that participation in athletics strengthens the self-esteem as
- 12 well as health of Georgia's girls and women and enhances their ability to lead full lives and
- 13 to contribute to their community and family; and
  
- 14 WHEREAS, many groups and individuals have worked tirelessly to promote and enhance
- 15 opportunities for female athletes in Georgia's schools and communities, and the number of
- 16 women, young and old, competing in athletic events continues to grow; and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, the girls and women of Georgia have always displayed dedication and
- 18 exceptional talent in their athletic endeavors on the sports fields and arenas across Georgia
- 19 and the globe; and
  
- 20 WHEREAS, in connection with "Girls and Women in Sports Day," the most outstanding
- 21 female high school and college athletes in Georgia during the past year will be named and
- 22 honored; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the State of Georgia express its pride in  
2 our female athletes, both past and present, and gratitude for the glory and honor which their  
3 achievements have reflected on this great state.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 this body recognizes February 9, 2005, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commends  
6 and congratulates all the girls and women in Georgia who participate in sports and achieve  
7 so much in the world of athletics.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outstanding female athletes are invited to appear  
9 before the House of Representatives on February 9, 2005, at a time to be determined by the  
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives.