

Commending Georgia's dedicated and talented female athletes and recognizing February 3, 2010, as Girls and Women in Sports Day; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, female athletes demonstrate great skill, ability, drive, determination, and sportsmanship in their respective sports and serve as role models for others during competition and their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Girls and Women in Sports Day is sponsored by the Georgia Women's Intersport Network and the Georgia Women's Institute and its purpose is to recognize women and girls in sports across Georgia, celebrate and honor the amazing achievements of female athletes, and recognize the unique issues they face; and

WHEREAS, with a 2010 theme of "Stay Strong, Play On," Girls and Women in Sports Day encourages female athletes to play the sport they love throughout their lives, whether professionally or as an enjoyable athletic outlet; and

WHEREAS, professional female athletes work diligently to excel in their sports and inspire young girls with their perseverance and determination to succeed in making a living playing a game that they love; and

WHEREAS, the number of women, young and old, competing in athletic events continues to grow, and Georgia's women continue to shine in their athletic performances, their administrative proficiency, and their coaching skills and teaching of sport; and

WHEREAS, girls and women who are active in sports are more likely to be healthy, have a positive self image, and make safe lifestyle choices, proving that gender equity in sports is of the utmost importance for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Betty of the Atlanta Dream basketball team has demonstrated her commitment to women's sports and opportunities to women in sports by being the first woman to own a professional women's sports team in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the female executives at Fortune 500 companies identified themselves as athletes and were active in sports during their youth; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven that participation in athletics strengthens the self-esteem and confidence of Georgia's girls and women and enhances their ability to lead full lives and to contribute to their community and family; and

WHEREAS, in connection with "Girls and Women in Sports Day," the most outstanding female high school, college, and professional athletes and administrators in Georgia during the past year will be named and honored; and

WHEREAS, the entire State of Georgia is proud of our female athletes, administrators, referees, and coaches, both past and present, and is grateful for the reflected glory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body commend the female athletes of Georgia for their courage, hard work, and outstanding achievements and recognize February 3, 2010, as Girls and Women in Sports Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia Women's Intersport Network and the Georgia Women's Institute.

Senate Resolution 922

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and others

Adopted in the Senate February 01, 2010

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