

House Resolution 1260

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Ashe of the 56th, Jones of the 46th, Coan of the 101st, Smith of the 70th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia's dedicated and talented female athletes and recognizing February 3,
2 2010, as Girls and Women in Sports Day; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Georgia Women's Intersport
41 Network and the Georgia Women's Institute.