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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5, 2014 as New York State Girls and Women in Sports Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to celebrate the participation of women and girls in sports and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5, 2014 as New York State Girls and Women in Sports Day; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is a special day for girls and women to celebrate their participation in sports and athletics; when Title IX was enacted in 1971, only one in 27 girls in high school participated in athletics; today, one in three girls participate in athletics in high school; and

WHEREAS, There has been an enormous increase in the number of athletic opportunities open to women and girls of all ages and levels of ability; with the addition of women's boxing, the 2012 London Olympics became the first ever to have women competing in all of the same sports as men for a total of 302 medal events; and

WHEREAS, In addition, more female athletes than male athletes were sent by the United States to the London Olympics; and

WHEREAS, The theme for the 2014 National Girls and Women in Sports Day is Passing the Torch, Blazing the Trail; NGWSD presents a prime opportunity to communicate to others what Title IX has accomplished and how many girls and women it truly helps; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the outstanding girls and women in athletics across this great Empire State have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is their tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim February 5, 2014 as New York State Girls and Women in Sports Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.