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HOUSE RESOLUTION 03-1015

101 CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR TITLE IX ATHLETICS FUNDING.

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1 WHEREAS, Title IX was adopted as landmark legislation in 1972  
2 by the United States Congress to ban sexual discrimination in schools;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Title IX states that no person in the United States  
5 shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the  
6 benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or  
7 activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

8 WHEREAS, Title IX governs the overall equity of treatment in  
9 athletics and academics; and

10 WHEREAS, 57 percent of college graduates in 2000 were women,  
11 compared to only 42 percent prior to 1972; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the passage of Title IX, 55 percent of  
13 participants in high school sports are women, compared to only 36  
14 percent before the adoption of Title IX; and

15 WHEREAS, The number of medical, law, and doctoral degrees  
16 awarded to women has risen from 9 percent to 43 percent since the  
17 implementation of Title IX; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, more than 100,000 women participate in  
19 intercollegiate athletics--a fourfold increase since 1971; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           WHEREAS, Women in the United States are far surpassing their  
2 international counterparts in high school completion and in attaining  
3 higher education degrees; and

4           WHEREAS, Approximately 16,000 school districts, 3,200 colleges  
5 and universities, and 5,000 for-profit schools, as well as libraries and  
6 museums, receive Title IX funds; and

7           WHEREAS, Title IX advances gender equity and improves the  
8 productivity, industry, and overall quality of life in the United States; and

9           WHEREAS, A recent report authored by the Commission on  
10 Opportunity in Athletics recommends negative changes to Title IX,  
11 including loosening enforcement policies and weakening the existing law;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, The Commission's report proposes drastically  
14 reversing gender equity in athletics by removing funding from women's  
15 sports programs; now, therefore,

16           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth*  
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

18           (1) That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the  
19 Colorado General Assembly, affirm the value of Title IX in securing  
20 gender equity and that we oppose any efforts to weaken, dissemble, or  
21 overturn the act.

22           (2) That we urge the United States Department of Education and  
23 the Colorado Department of Education not to rollback the gains that  
24 women have made in the past 30 years with the enforcement of Title IX.

25           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to  
26 the United States Department of Education and the Colorado Department  
27 of Education.