

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is National Women in Sports Day, and we celebrate this across the country, February 7th, as that day. And why is it important to publicly acclaim this day as National Women in Sports Day? The history of women's sports is rich and long, but there has been little national recognition of the significance of athletics, that women achieve in athletics. When I was a young athlete, little was available in women's sports, particularly outside of the grade and high schools, but, believe it or not, I was a pretty good athlete, participating in baseball, basketball, which then was nine court, I was a guard. And my Beals School volleyball eighth grade team won...was runner-up in the intramural competition in the city. But aside from that, there was little opportunity. I am glad to say that that has changed. This resolution draws attention to the positive leadership skills, self-discipline, initiative, and confidence that participation of women in sports brings. Also brings emotional and physical well-being and the spirit of cooperation between team members, but athletic opportunities at high school and college level are still significantly behind and there is a need to restore declining leadership positions of women in sports. So this resolution provides that the Legislature commends and applauds the efforts of all female athletes; that the Legislature commends and applauds the many coaches, all the coaches, officials, and administrators who have given their valuable time to coach these athletes; and that the Legislature wishes success to all women athletes, coaches, officials, and administrators; and, finally, that the Legislature recognizes February 7, 1991, as National Women in Sports Day. We have many signature on this resolution, and I tried to get to all of you and didn't accomplish that. So if you would like to sign on, we would be pleased to have you to, and I hope that we will all come to the floor to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Is there any other discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, Senator Pirsch, did you wish to close? Senator Pirsch, did you want to close on your resolution.

SENATOR PIRSCH: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: She waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote