

# Resolution

No. 22-155

## COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, also known as Title IX, took effect on June 23, 1972; and

WHEREAS, this monumental legislation, co-authored by United States Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii, states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance”; and

WHEREAS, born in Pā‘ia, Maui, on December 6, 1927, Representative Mink graduated from Maui High School in 1944, and went on to pursue a long and distinguished career in public service after earning degrees at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Chicago Law School; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mink, who in 1964 became the first woman of color elected to Congress, served 12 terms in the United States House of Representatives representing Maui County’s people, among others in the state, and was a leading champion for equal opportunity, civil rights, gender equity, and education; and

WHEREAS, Title IX was a landmark law that advocated for women, minorities, children, and immigrants, a battle she herself fought when she was denied admission to medical school because of her gender, and was unable to find a job in a traditional law firm because she was a mother; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Title IX, high school participation for girls in athletics on a national level is greater than 10 times what it was when Title IX was passed, and the number of women in college sports has increased by more than 450 percent in that time period; and

WHEREAS, Title IX paved the way for educational institutions to be held accountable for sexual harassment and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Representative Mink said Title IX opened the doors of educational opportunity to literally millions of girls and women across the country, has helped to tear down inequitable admissions policies, increased opportunities for women in nontraditional fields of study such as math and science, improved vocational educational opportunities for women, and reduced discrimination against pregnant students and teen mothers; and

WHEREAS, in the 50 years since its enactment, Representative Mink's pioneering Title IX legislation, renamed the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act after her death in 2002, guarantees gender equality well beyond sports, covering all aspects of educational programs including access, scholarships, the treatment of individuals and employment, and continues to directly impact millions of students and student-athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmark Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, the significant role Representative Mink held in passing Title IX, and the lasting legacy of Representative Mink within Maui County, across the country, and beyond; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph P. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Kaiuli'i Kahele, United States Representative; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Hawaii State Senator; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Hawaii State Senator; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-

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Agaran, Hawaii State Senator; the Honorable Troy Hashimoto, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Angus McKelvey, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Tina Wildberger, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Justin Woodson, Hawaii State Representative; the Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Hawaii State Representative; Gwendolyn Mink, Representative Mink's daughter and co-author of "Fierce and Fearless: Patsy Takemoto Mink, First Woman of Color in Congress"; Ann Igarashi; Ruth Mukai; the Maui County Commission on the Status of Women; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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