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H. RES. 53

Recognizing the importance of sports in fostering the leadership ability and success of women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WAMP, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PALLONE, and Mrs. CAPPs) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of sports in fostering the leadership ability and success of women.

Whereas the leadership skills taught by participating in sports benefit women throughout their lives, giving them the tools to teach, to effect change, and to inspire their families, friends, and colleagues;

Whereas more than 4 out of 5 executive businesswomen played sports as children, and the vast majority of those businesswomen say the lessons they learned through athletics, such as discipline, team-building, competitiveness, and risk-taking, have contributed to their success in business;

Whereas research indicates that girls who participate in sports are more likely to experience academic success and graduate from high school than those who do not participate; and

Whereas women student-athletes graduate from high school at a significantly higher rate (68 percent) than women students in general (58 percent): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the role of women's sports programs in the develop-
3 ment of women's leadership skills and supports the goals
4 of "Women's Leadership Through Sports Day".

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