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REMARKS FOR TITLE IX EVENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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JUNE 17, 1997

EVENT: 25th Anniversary of Title IX
DATE: Tuesday, June 17th
TIME: 10:45 - 11:30 am
LOCATION: 450 OEOB

*** Please note, Members of Congress will enter the NW Gate no later than 10:30 am and park on the NW Drive.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONFIRMED TO ATTEND:

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Co-Chair, Congressional Women's Caucus

✓ Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA)

✓ Rep. Deborah Ann Stabenow (D-MI)

✓ Rep. Patsy Mink (D-HI)

~~Rep. Karen McCarthy (D-MO)~~

✓ Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

✓ Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-CA)

~~Rep. Nina Baym (D-IL)~~

✓ Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA)

✓ Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-MI)

✓ Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)

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Acknowledgments: Sec. Riley; Dr. Nelda Chavez,
Administrator, HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Administration; Members of Congress; Sally Ride; Jackie
Joyner-Kersee; Ann Jarvis Jefferson; Verelett [vair-uh-
LETT] Allen, electronic technician; Capt. Robin J.
Forster, Baltimore County firefighter.

FYI: MC's CO-CHAIR WOMEN'S CAUCUS

E. H. NORTON (?)

AST SEC. NORMA CANTY

✓ M. WATERS

DEBBIE STABENOW

JUDITH WINSTON
D.O.E. GEN. COUNSEL

PATSY MINK

WOMEN'S

~~KAREN MCCARTHY~~

TECH → prairie

ROSA DELAURO

Baugh

ELLEN TAUSCHER

~~NITA LOWEY~~

CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

CAROLYN KILPATRICK

CAROLYN MCCARTHY

(8TH GRADERS - THOMAS EDISON CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY)

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As we have just heard from all the speakers before me, for too many years, too many young women like Hillary were told to put aside their dreams of becoming astronauts -- a dream finally fulfilled in space by Sally Ride; too many brilliant athletes like Jackie Joyner Kersee had to jump hurdles off of the field just to get the training they needed on the field; and too many aspiring young scientists like Ann Jarvis Jefferson learned more about home economics than nuclear physics. Each of these women have God-given talent; ~~and they rise or fall based on that talent, on their spirit, and on their willingness to~~ ~~work.~~ Title IX did not create their success, but it gave them the chance to make the most of their abilities.

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We have heard about the huge difference Title IX has made in the lives of millions of girls and young women. We have heard about the confidence it has built, the high expectations it has set, and the achievements it has helped to inspire. But today I want you to focus on something else -- the impact Title IX has had on each and every one of us.

If we have learned anything in the 25 years since Title IX became law, it is that expanding opportunity for any American benefits every ^{other} American . . . and wasted opportunity diminishes us all.

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As we prepare ourselves for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, it would be sheer folly not to take advantage of every ounce of energy, talent, and creativity that every American has to offer. ~~More than ever, we know that we cannot afford to waste even one person.~~

Just think of what our country would be like without Sally Ride, or Jackie Joyner Kersee, or any one of the countless women whose contributions are helping to shape our future. ^{reminiscent} ~~I certainly cannot imagine what my administration would look like without the record number of women~~ ⁽⁸⁾ I have been proud to appoint to cabinet-level positions: ~~St~~, ~~AG~~, ~~HHS~~, ~~E~~, ~~SSA~~, ~~Labr~~, ~~Trade~~, ~~CEA~~.

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Every girl in America ^{should have the chance} ~~has the potential~~ to become an astronaut or an Olympic athlete, a Cabinet Secretary or a Supreme Court Justice. ~~Every girl in America has the power to change the world. And we have got to make sure that their power doesn't go to waste.~~

For 25 years, Title IX has helped girls to realize their dreams, and to achieve them -- not only in athletics, but in academics. In 1972, only 9% of medical degrees, and only 7% of law degrees, were awarded to women. In 1996, women received 38% of those medical degrees, and 43% of those law degrees.

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~~And women are an increasingly dominant force in colleges and universities across our nation.~~

Today is a time to celebrate how far we have come, and to recommit ourselves to Title IX's goal of equality in education. ~~For~~ too many schools and education programs are still dragging their feet, and lagging behind in their responsibility to our nation's young women and girls.

~~That is why~~ today, I am directing every agency and executive department to strengthen their enforcement of Title IX within the next 90 days, by reviewing their current procedures, consulting with the Attorney General on the best way to improve them, and delivering to me a new, vigorous enforcement plan.

I want every school and educational program that receive federal assistance in America to understand that complying with Title IX is not optional -- it is the law, and we will enforce it.

There is no question that America is better off because of Title IX. But we can go even further to provide all of our people with the opportunity they need to make the most of their lives. Currently, Title IX only applies to educational programs and activities that receive funding from the national government, not to the educational programs that the national government runs itself.

These include the schools run by the Department of Defense, educational research conducted by the federal government, and educational fellowships awarded directly to students.

I believe that the national government must hold itself to the same high standards it expects from everyone else, especially when it comes to discrimination in

education. Today, I am ^{signing on to the new federal law} announcing that following a 60-
to ~~REVIEW~~ ^{of our progress, leading to a} day ~~study, and~~ on the Attorney General's

^{trust of} ~~act~~ ^{exclusion} recommendation, I will ~~act~~ to prohibit educational

discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or national origin

in federally conducted education programs, ^{that Title II can be} ^{from other programs} ^{to federal programs}

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~~With this step, we are saying we will not tolerate discrimination anywhere, and especially not in our own government -- and we will do everything in our power to overcome it.~~

On the desk outside the Oval Office there is a little sign with a quote from a woman who lives here in Washington: ~~I look at it every day when I go into work,~~ ~~and~~ it says: "I rejoice in others' success, knowing there is plenty for us all." Today, we are making sure that all of our people -- and every one of our girls and young women -- have the opportunity they need to make their own success, and we know there is plenty for us all.

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Finally, let me add one more thing. ~~I want you to remember the gains that have been made for all young people through Title IX. Giving every young American the opportunity to succeed is what we must do; and we must reach across party lines to do it. But there is even more that we can do. I want to mention one thing that is~~
win Title IX
 happening today that ~~will~~ be a significant step forward toward helping all our young people *achieve their full potential*

When I reached a bipartisan budget agreement with the leaders of Congress last month, one of my top goals was to extend health care coverage to millions of uninsured children. (*SOMETHING THAT THE FIRST LADY AND I HAVE WORKED FOR FOR MANY YEARS*)

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I fought hard to ensure that the budget agreement contained \$16 billion for children's health care. I am determined that this investment will be used wisely and carefully so that it provides meaningful coverage to as many children as possible.

Today, I am very pleased to announce my support for the bipartisan children's health legislation introduced by Senators Chafee, Rockefeller, Jeffords, and Hatch, which the Senate Finance Committee is voting on today.

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This legislation would be the biggest investment in children's health care since the passage of Medicaid in

1965. ~~AND~~ ^{COMMITT AMERICA TO PROVIDING} It would ~~be the most significant achievement~~

^{HEALTH INS. COVERAGE TO UP TO 5 MIL. ~~AND~~ UNINSURED CHILDREN,}
~~in expanding health care coverage in my Administration.~~
^{PROVIDING (HEALTH) INS. TODAY THAT ~~THESE~~ CHILDREN DID}
^{NOT HAVE YESTERDAY.}

Step by step, we are working to provide affordable health care for millions of Americans -- health care our families and children need, ~~to thrive~~. Now we have a chance to prove again that when we work together, when we cross party lines and put the interests of the American people first, when we work on behalf of our families and our children, as we do with this legislation, and with Title IX, America always wins. Thank you and God bless you.

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SUBJECT: Title IX Remarks

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REMARKS:

Comments to Jordan Tamagni

RESPONSE:

Draft 6/16/97 9:00pm

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I believe that the national government must hold itself to the same high standards it expects from everyone else, especially when it comes to discrimination in education. Today, I am announcing that following a 60-day study, and on the Attorney General's recommendation, I will act to prohibit educational discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or national origin in all federally conducted education programs. With this step, we are saying we will not tolerate discrimination anywhere -- and we will do everything in our power to overcome it.

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