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Res. No. 182

Resolution calling upon all stadium owners and operators within New York City to grant greater access to female sports teams so as to encourage the advancement of female athletics.

By Council Members Lopez, Boyland, Perkins, Avella, Baez, Clarke, Reed, Reyna, Rivera, Serrano and Gerson; also Council Members Jackson, Provenzano and Sanders

Whereas, Studies have shown that participation in sports offers psychological, physiological and sociological benefits; and  
Whereas, Historically, young males have been able to take greater advantage of such opportunities than young females, who often found themselves excluded from many of these positive experiences; and  
Whereas, Participation in athletics can play an important role in the lives of young women, by, among other things, enhancing self-esteem, lowering rates of unwanted pregnancy and depression, and improving physical health; and  
Whereas, Reports have indicated that girls in sports fair better academically, and have lower dropout rates, than girls not involved in sports; and  
Whereas, Changes in attitudes, laws, and policies have begun to expand athletic opportunities for girls, although gender equity is still a goal and not an achievement; and  
Whereas, By showcasing female athletes and female sports events, stadia can help encourage young females to engage in athletics and thus benefit from the advantages associated with athletic participation; now, therefore, be it  
Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon all stadium owners and operators within New York City to grant greater access to female sports teams so as to encourage the advancement of female athletics.

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