



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11-021

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CONCERNING THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROLLER GIRLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ACKNOWLEDGING THE SPORTSMANSHIP, CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THAT THE SPORT OF WOMEN'S FLAT TRACK ROLLER DERBY PROMOTES.

WHEREAS, Roller derby has become an integral and growing part of the fabric of Denver and Colorado since the inception of the Rocky Mountain Rollergirls in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Roller derby is a sport in which two teams compete on an oval track and each team has five players per two-minute jam for two thirty-minute periods; and

WHEREAS, The object of the game is for one team's jammer to score points by passing opposing blockers legally during a jam, and the blockers seek to stop the opposing team's jammer while creating space to enable their own jammer to succeed as lead jammer; and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Rollergirls (RMRG) league was founded in 2004, reviving the sport in the state as the first skater-owned and -operated roller derby league in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Owned by the skaters and operated as a grassroots volunteer organization, RMRG promotes athleticism, well-being, fitness, and sorority for all ages among its members by providing opportunities for women to grow as athletes while supporting a number of charitable causes such as Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, among others; and

WHEREAS, RMRG sponsors a junior roller derby league called the Rocky Mountain Rollerpunks to share the values of the sport with the next generation of children ages 6 to 17, with a membership of 45 young skaters; and

WHEREAS, RMRG's competitive athletic community teaches women the principles of athleticism, sportsmanship, fitness, teamwork, and community service; and

WHEREAS, RMRG has more than 120 full members, rookies, recruits, volunteers, nonskating officials, referees, and thousands of fans across the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Rollergirls has grown to include six separate teams: The Sugar Kill Gang, Red Ridin' Hoods, Doms Daisies, and the Kill Scouts, as well as two traveling teams, the all-star RMRG 5280 Fight Club and the B-squad Contenders, and the Rocky Mountain Rollergirls are among the original members of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association and compete in national competitions; and

WHEREAS, Since RMRG's inception, Colorado has seen an explosion of leagues across the state, both competitive and recreational, including in communities such as Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Greeley, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Castle Rock, the Arkansas Valley, and Aurora, among others, including a men's league that tours the state; and

WHEREAS, RMRG hosts boot camps locally and across the country, and in 2011, they will host a boot camp in London to share Denver's

homegrown expertise; and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Rollergirls won the Women's Flat Track Derby Association 2010 Champion Tournament "Uproar on the Lakeshore", held in Chicago in November 2010, and brought home the championship Hydra trophy, making them the Number One-ranked team in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Denver Roller Dolls, another of Colorado's top-ranked competitive leagues, will be hosting the Women's Flat Track Derby Association 2011 Championship Tournament in Broomfield from November 11 through 13, where RMRG is expected to defend its world title; 12 teams from across the country will compete, drawing to Denver an expected 10,000 roller derby fans from across the nation and abroad and bringing in a projected \$5 million to the state of Colorado over the course of the tournament; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the General Assembly, acknowledge the important contributions of empowerment, fitness, and well-being that the Rocky Mountain Rollergirls and the sport of Women's Flat Track Roller Derby as a whole have on the state of Colorado, its women, and its girls.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Rocky Mountain Rollergirls, Denver Roller Dolls, the Women's Flat Track Derby Association, the Pueblo Derby Devil Dollz, the Pikes Peak Derby Dames, the Castle Rock 'N Rollers, the High City Derby Divas, the Ark Valley High Rollers, Slaughterhouse Derby Girls, FoCo Gone Derby, Choice City Rebels, the Grand Junction Roller Girls, and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver.

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