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Transcript:

Governor Christie: Growing up playing sports, whether it was Little League baseball or basketball or Varsity baseball in high school, it was a key part of me growing up. And I learned some really valuable life lessons from those years about teamwork and leadership and discipline and hard work. All of those lessons I've used both in my academic career after that and in my professional career. And everybody should have the opportunity to have those experiences. Unfortunately some folks have been excluded from participating in sports activities for a variety of stereotypical reasons that judge people like we sometimes judge a book by its cover and we're taught very young that you should never judge a book by its cover. So today by signing Senate bill 2079, not only are we complying with federal law, we're securing a path to equal access for students with disabilities to participate in extracurricular athletics and providing them with the ability to obtain the kind of sense of community and the other skills that I just referenced that happened to me from the relationships that they develop and the experiences that they have during these activities.

Senate President Sweeney: Again I want to thank you Governor for what you've done and for Special Olympics with Tim, for your mother that started this legacy. And Marc for your outstanding leadership with Special Olympics and Dan and look I just want to thank everyone. This is a great bill. It's great for New Jersey and we need to make sure, Tim, we push this nationally. It needs to get everywhere in this country. Thank you.

Tim Shriver: We've made history here today by celebrating the athletes but also challenging the nation to embrace the idea of social inclusion as a foundational principle of this nation because of you athletes, because of you Senator and you Governor and the Speaker, we couldn't be more thrilled. So congratulations first and foremost again to the athletes who are the inspiration behind this.

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