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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing the commitment of the National
3 Women's History Museum and commending that institution on
4 its efforts to secure a permanent home on or close to the
5 National Mall for a museum to honor the important
6 contributions of women in shaping this great nation.
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8 WHEREAS, in 1987 Congress declared March to serve as
9 "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important role women
10 have played in shaping America, and

11 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the
12 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are
13 underrepresented in museums and memorials, and

14 WHEREAS, only 3 percent of the people identified in a
15 recent survey of 18 history textbooks were women, and

16 WHEREAS, in 1999 The President's Commission on the
17 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's
18 history museum to be established on "The National Mall" in
19 Washington, D.C., and

20 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum, founded in
21 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution
22 dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the
23 diverse historic contributions of women and integrating the
24 heritage of women fully into this nation's history, and

25 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum is seeking a
26 site on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to
27 the White House and U.S. Capitol Building, and

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28 WHEREAS, the United States Senate voted unanimously in
29 favor of S. 501, The National Women's History Museum Act of
30 2005, a bill that directs the General Services Administration to
31 enter into a long-term lease with the National Women's History
32 Museum for federal property that has been vacant since 1992, and

33 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum will showcase
34 the full history of women in the United States and the
35 contributions they have made and continue to make in the
36 marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment,
37 education, home, and community, and

38 WHEREAS, a coalition of 33 women's organizations,
39 representing 8 million women and including the National
40 Foundation for Women Legislators, has expressed their support of
41 the National Women's History Museum's efforts to establish a
42 permanent residence on the National Mall, the most prominent
43 location for museums to be situated in the nation's capital,
44 NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
47 Florida:

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49 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
50 commitment of the National Women's History Museum and commends
51 that institution on its efforts to secure a permanent home on or
52 close to the National Mall for a museum to honor the important
53 contributions of women in shaping this great nation.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
55 presented to the National Foundation for Women Legislators as a

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56 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.