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House Resolution

A resolution designating the month of March 2018 as "Women's History Month" in the State of Florida.

5 WHEREAS, women have made historic contributions to the 6 growth and strength of this state in countless recorded and 7 unrecorded ways, and

8 WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical 9 economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life and 10 constitute a significant portion of the labor force working 11 inside and outside the home, and

12 WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the 13 history of the nation through continual, active participation in 14 the volunteer labor force and were particularly important in the 15 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural 16 institutions, and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of major progressive movements to improve society, and

20 WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing 21 their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in 22 the abolitionist movement, the industrial labor movement, the 23 civil rights movement, the environmental justice movement, and 24 other social justice campaigns, especially the peace movement, 25 creating a more fair and just society for all, and

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26 WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions of women, 27 Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 28 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," and 29 WHEREAS, the month of March presents special opportunities 30 to celebrate the wisdom and tenacity of generations of women who 31 have come before us and those who will follow and to acknowledge 32 the courage, determination, and steadfastness needed to move 33 history forward, NOW, THEREFORE, 34 35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: 36 37 38 That March 2018 is designated as "Women's History Month" in 39 the State of Florida, and the residents of this state are called upon to observe this and every March by participating in 40 programs, ceremonies, and activities to foster an awareness of 41 42 and appreciation for the contributions made by women that have 43 benefited and improved society.