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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 8, 2020, as
3 "International Women's Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an annual celebration
6 of women's cultural, educational, economic, political, and
7 social accomplishments, and recognizes women's achievements
8 regardless of cultural, economic, ethnic, linguistic, national,
9 or political divisions, and

10 WHEREAS, on February 28, 1909, the first National Women's
11 Day was observed in the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, on June 26, 1945, the Charter of the United
13 Nations was signed, marking the first affirmation of equality
14 between women and men by international agreement, and

15 WHEREAS, the United Nations celebrated International
16 Women's Day for the first time on March 8, 1975, and two years
17 later, declared a day for international peace and women's rights
18 by resolution in the United Nations General Assembly, and

19 WHEREAS, every year, approximately 12 million girls
20 worldwide are married before they reach the age of 18, and

21 WHEREAS, according to the International Labor Organization,
22 71 percent of the estimated 40.3 million victims of modern
23 slavery in 2016 were women and girls, and

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24 WHEREAS, according to UNICEF, an estimated one out of three
25 women around the world has experienced some form of physical or
26 sexual violence, and

27 WHEREAS, currently, 30 percent of the members of the
28 Florida Legislature are women, including 36 representatives and
29 12 senators, and

30 WHEREAS, women also occupy statewide leadership positions
31 including Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and
32 Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and

33 WHEREAS, in continuing the tradition of honoring Florida
34 women, Doris Mae Barnes, Dr. Judith Ann Bense, and Mildred
35 Wilborn Gildersleeve were added to the Florida Women's Hall of
36 Fame for making significant contributions in the life of women
37 and residents of Florida, and

38 WHEREAS, the Florida Women's Suffrage Centennial
39 Commission, led by women, will ensure the statewide observance
40 of the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th
41 Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

42 WHEREAS, the 2019 Presidential Memorandum on Promoting
43 Women's Global Development and Prosperity states that the United
44 States supports "efforts to advance women's equality, protect
45 the rights of women and girls, and promote women and youth
46 empowerment programs," and

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47 WHEREAS, the theme of International Women's Day 2020 is "I
48 am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights," NOW,
49 THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
52 Florida:

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54 That March 8, 2020, is recognized as "International Women's
55 Day" in Florida and residents of the state are encouraged to
56 celebrate the day by honoring the achievements and
57 accomplishments of women.