1 House Resolution A resolution proclaiming the month of January 2 3 1998 as Amelia Earhart Month. 4 5 WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart was an internationally renowned 6 aviator when she disappeared in 1937, and 7 WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart was the first woman 8 transatlantic air passenger in 1928, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, and the first woman to be awarded 10 the United States Distinguished Flying Cross, and WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart encouraged women to expand 11 12 their horizons by exploring occupations and holding positions 13 beyond those traditionally held by women, and 14 WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart was a beloved member of Zonta 15 International before she was lost in the Pacific Ocean while attempting to circle the globe by air in 1937, and 16 17 WHEREAS, in 1938, one year after her disappearance, 18 Zonta International established its annual graduate 19 fellowships in aerospace-related sciences and engineering, in 20 honor of Amelia Earhart, and 21 WHEREAS, Zonta International fellowships are open to women of any nationality, and grants may be used in any 22 23 institution offering fully accredited graduate courses and degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering, and 24 25 WHEREAS, Zonta International has awarded fellowships 26 for study in such fields as aerospace engineering, astronomy, 27 astrophysics, biomedical engineering, computer science, fluid 28 mechanics, geological oceanography, meteorology, molecular 29 biology, and space medicine, and 30 WHEREAS, since its inception, Zonta International has

awarded 816 fellowships to more than 41 women from 28

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countries, totaling $3.7 million, as a living memorial to
   Amelia Earhart, NOW, THEREFORE,
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   Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
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    Florida hereby proclaims the month of January 1998 as Amelia
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