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HR 9375

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1 House Resolution A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary 2 3 of the Women's Rights Movement. 4 5 WHEREAS, 1998 will mark the 150th anniversary of the б Women's Rights Movement in the United States, a bold and 7 courageous civil rights movement that began in 1848 in Seneca 8 Falls, New York, at the first Women's Rights Convention ever 9 held, and 10 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Sentiments issued by that 11 convention represents a work as fundamental to our nation's commitment to liberty and personal freedom as does our 12 13 Declaration of Independence and launched a movement that has 14 changed this nation and the hopes of its women irrevocably, 15 and 16 WHEREAS, the resulting Women's Rights Movement has had 17 a profound and undeniable impact on all aspects of American life, and has opened new and well-deserved opportunities for 18 19 women in all fields of endeavor, including among others commerce, athletics, business, education, religion, the arts, 20 21 and scientific exploration, and WHEREAS, the full history of this century and a half of 22 23 efforts now spanning seven generations of unceasing work to achieve equality for fully half the American population still, 24 regretably, remains unknown and unrecognized by our nation's 25 26 citizens; and, although the girls and boys of today have lives far richer and far fairer as a direct result of the Women's 27 Rights Movement, yet they have scant opportunity to know the 28 29 heroes and lessons of this vital movement through the 30 textbooks of most classrooms, and 31

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1 WHEREAS, the twenty-first century will find an 2 ever-increasing need for both women and men to share in the 3 fundamental responsibilities for our national life and the blessings that must result from full and equal participation 4 in society, and 5 6 WHEREAS, there still remain substantial barriers to the 7 full equality of America's Women before our freedom as a 8 nation can be called complete, and WHEREAS, 1998 will be widely recognized and celebrated 9 as the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement under 10 11 the national theme, "Living the Legacy: Women's Rights 12 Movement 1848-1998, " NOW, THEREFORE, 13 14 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 15 Florida: 16 That the House of Representatives pauses in its 17 deliberations to applaud the efforts of all persons involved 18 19 in the 150-year history of the Women's Rights Movement. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives further calls on educators, government 21 22 officials, businesses, and all citizens to mark this year of celebration with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and 23 activities that will remember with gratitude those who have 24 contributed to the nation we were envisioned and created to 25 26 be, where all have by right a position of equality, fairness, 27 justice, and freedom in the society of the United States of 28 America. 29 30 31

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