1 House Resolution 2 A resolution recognizing the month of March as 3 "Women's History Month." 4 WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and 5 6 ethnic background have made historic contributions to the 7 growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and 8 unrecorded ways, and 9 WHEREAS, American women have played, and continue to 10 play, a critical role in the economic, cultural, and social 11 life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home, and 12 13 WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority 14 of the volunteer labor of the nation, and 15 16 WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and 17 18 cultural institutions in our nation, and WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and 19 20 ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of 21 every major progressive social change movement, and 22 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, 23 but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation 24 movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights 25 26 movement, and the peace movement, to create a more fair and 27 just society for all, and 28 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of

American women in history has been consistently overlooked and

undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American

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31 History, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida recognizes the month of March as "Women's History Month" and encourages all citizens of the state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.