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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the month of March as "Women's  
3 History Month."

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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 by  
10 constituting 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 by providing the majority of our volunteer  
14 labor force and were particularly important in the establishment  
15 of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions,  
16 and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women has  
27 been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature and in  
28 the teaching and study of history, and

29 WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions of women,

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30 Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 designating  
31 the month of March as "Women's History Month," and

32 WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in 2008 is  
33 "Women's Art: Women's Vision" and the month of March presents  
34 special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom and tenacity of  
35 generations of women who have come before us and those who will  
36 follow, and to acknowledge the courage, determination, and  
37 steadfastness needed to move history forward, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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41 That March 2008 is recognized as "Women's History Month" and  
42 the residents of this state are called upon to observe this and  
43 every March by participating in programs, ceremonies, and  
44 activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the  
45 contributions made by women which have benefited and improved  
46 society.