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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the month of March 2009 as  
3 "Women's 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  
21 their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in  
22 the abolitionist movement, the industrial labor movement, the  
23 civil rights movement, the environmental justice movement, and  
24 other social justice campaigns, especially the peace movement,  
25 creating 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  
28 in 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  
31 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," and  
32 WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in 2009 is  
33 "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet" and the month of  
34 March presents special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom and  
35 tenacity of generations of women who have come before us and  
36 those who will follow, and to acknowledge the courage,  
37 determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward,  
38 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That March 2009 is recognized as "Women's History Month"  
43 and the residents of this state are called upon to observe this  
44 and every March by participating in programs, ceremonies, and  
45 activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the  
46 contributions made by women which have benefited and improved  
47 society.