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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of March 2009 as "Women's History Month."

WHEREAS, women have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of this state in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, and

 WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home, and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by playing a significant role in our volunteer labor force and were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions, and

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

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

WHEREAS, in recognition of the contributions of women, Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," and

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WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in 2009 is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet" and the month of March presents special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom and tenacity of generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow, and to acknowledge the courage, determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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