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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of March 2012 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

8 WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical 9 economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by 0 constituting a significant portion of the labor force working 1 inside and outside the home, and

12 WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the 13 history of the nation by playing a significant role in our 14 volunteer labor force and were particularly important in the 15 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural 16 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

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, in recognition of the contributions of women, 27 Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 28 designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," and

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WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in 2012 is "Women's Education-Women's Empowerment" 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,

37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 38 Florida:

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That March 2012 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.

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