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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2013 as "Women's History Month."

WHEREAS, women have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of this state in countless ways, recorded and unrecorded, 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 this nation by providing the majority of 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 every major progressive movement 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, despite these contributions, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature and in the teaching and study of history, and

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, in 2013, the theme of Women's History Month is  
33 "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating  
34 Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics" and  
35 the month of March presents special opportunities to celebrate  
36 the accomplishments of women who have been trailblazers and  
37 history makers in these important contemporary fields of  
38 academia and industry, 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 2013 is recognized as "Women's History Month" in  
43 Florida, and we call upon the residents of this state to  
44 participate in programs, ceremonies, and activities to foster an  
45 awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by  
46 women which have benefited and improved society.