House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of March 2013 as

"Women's History Month."

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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 through continual, active participation in the 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 Page 1 of 2

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29 WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in 2013 is 30 "Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination," and the month 31 of March presents special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom 32 and tenacity of generations of women who have come before us and 33 those who will follow and to acknowledge the courage, 34 determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward, 35 NOW, THEREFORE, 36 37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: 38 39 40 That March 2013 is recognized as "Women's History Month" 41 and the residents of this state are called upon to observe this 42 and every March by participating in programs, ceremonies, and 43 activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by women that have benefited and improved 44 society. 45

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