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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 8, 2023, as
3 "International Women's Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an annual celebration
6 of women's cultural, educational, economic, political, and
7 social accomplishments, and recognizes the achievements of
8 women, regardless of their cultural, economic, ethnic,
9 linguistic, national, or political divisions, and

10 WHEREAS, on February 28, 1909, the first national Women's
11 Day was observed in the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, on June 26, 1945, the Charter of the United
13 Nations was signed, marking the first affirmation of equality
14 between women and men by international agreement, and

15 WHEREAS, the United Nations celebrated International
16 Women's Day for the first time on March 8, 1975, and 2 years
17 later, declared a day for international peace and women's rights
18 by resolution in the United Nations General Assembly, and

19 WHEREAS, every year, approximately 12 million girls
20 worldwide are married before they reach the age of 18, and

21 WHEREAS, according to the International Labour
22 Organization, 71 percent of the estimated 40 million victims of
23 modern slavery in 2016 were women and girls, and

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24 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, an
 25 estimated one out of three women around the world has
 26 experienced some form of physical or sexual violence, and

27 WHEREAS, women also occupy statewide leadership positions
 28 including Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Senate
 29 President, and

30 WHEREAS, currently, approximately 41 percent of the members
 31 of the Florida Legislature are women, including 50
 32 representatives and 16 senators, and

33 WHEREAS, in continuing the tradition of honoring Florida
 34 women, Virginia Covington, Barbara B. Nicklaus, and Beverly
 35 Yeager were added to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame for making
 36 significant contributions in the life of women and residents of
 37 Florida, and

38 WHEREAS, fifty-eight percent of women are active in the
 39 workforce, with teachers; nurses; and nursing, psychiatric, and
 40 home health aides comprising the top three most popular career
 41 occupations for women, and

42 WHEREAS, the theme of International Women's Day 2023 is
 43 "Embrace Equity," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That March 8, 2023, is recognized as "International Women's
49 Day" in Florida and residents of the state are encouraged to
50 celebrate the day by honoring the achievements and
51 accomplishments of women.