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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 127**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Liu**

February 24, 2006

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 127—Relative to Women’s History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 127, as amended, Liu. Women’s History Month.

This measure would declare that the Legislature joins the California Commission on the Status of Women and the National Women’s History Project in honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month of March 2006 as Women’s History Month. ~~The measure would also urge Californians to join in the celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2006.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and  
2 ethnic background have participated in the founding and building  
3 of our nation, have made historic contributions to the growth and  
4 strength of our nation, and have played a critical role in shaping  
5 the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society, not in the  
6 least of ways through their participation in the labor force,  
7 working both inside and outside the home; and  
8 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for  
9 social change, including their own movement for suffrage and  
10 equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize  
11 labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading

1 the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In light of these efforts and the achievements of  
4 all American women, we take this opportunity to honor women  
5 and their contribution to the development of our society and our  
6 world; and

7 WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Month will  
8 provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus  
9 attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the  
10 women of California and the United States, and for students, in  
11 particular, to benefit from an awareness of these contributions;  
12 and

13 ~~WHEREAS, Women's History Month will include~~  
14 ~~International Women's Day on March 8, which was originally~~  
15 ~~proclaimed in 1910 to recognize and commemorate the valuable~~  
16 ~~contributions women have made to the labor movement in~~  
17 ~~improving working conditions, and thus bettering people's lives;~~  
18 ~~and~~

19 WHEREAS, Women's History Month will be not only a call  
20 to acknowledge the outstanding American women whose names  
21 we know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who  
22 have anonymously shaped our collective past; and

23 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Week was  
24 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of  
25 Women in 1977, a celebration that evolved into Women's  
26 History Month, commemorated throughout the nation by schools,  
27 historians, and community groups; and

28 WHEREAS, The achievements of women who have gone  
29 before us will enable contemporary women and men to create  
30 tomorrow's history by working toward an end to physical and  
31 sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in  
32 employment, and the relegation to poverty status of many  
33 women, and by advocating for the full participation of women in  
34 the economic and political arena, the provision of adequate child  
35 care, respect for those who choose homemaking and motherhood  
36 as their career, and equal access to all of the opportunities this  
37 great nation has to offer; and

38 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement  
39 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of  
40 women's role in making history and shaping the cultural and

1 societal makeup of California and the United States, and because  
2 it is a rich part of our common heritage, a story of gallantry and  
3 devotion to the belief that the opportunity for complete human  
4 dignity should not be denied to one-half of the state and the  
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Women’s History Project has  
7 adopted this year’s theme, “Women: Builders of Communities  
8 and Dreams,” to honor the spirit of possibility and hope set in  
9 motion by generations of women creating communities,  
10 encouraging dreams, and restoring hope in the face of impossible  
11 odds; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
14 takes pleasure in joining the California Commission on the Status  
15 of Women and the National Women’s History Project in  
16 honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month  
17 of March 2006 as Women’s History Month; and be it further

18 ~~*Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California urges*~~  
19 ~~*all Californians to join in the celebration of International*~~  
20 ~~*Women’s Day on March 8, 2006; and be it further*~~

21 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
22 copies of this resolution to the Chair of the California State  
23 Legislative Women’s Caucus, to the Chair of the California  
24 Commission on the Status of Women, and to the National  
25 Women’s History Project, for distribution to appropriate  
26 organizations.