

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu

February 24, 2006

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 127, as introduced, 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
12 the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment;
13 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement
37 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of
38 women's role in making history and shaping the cultural and
39 societal makeup of California and the United States, and because
40 it is a rich part of our common heritage, a story of gallantry and

1 devotion to the belief that the opportunity for complete human
2 dignity should not be denied to one-half of the state and the
3 nation; and

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

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

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

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