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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 127

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu

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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.

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

14 WHEREAS, In light of these efforts and the achievements of
15 all American women, we take this opportunity to honor women
16 and their contribution to the development of our society and our
17 world; and

18 WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Month will
19 provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus
20 attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the
21 women of California and the United States, and for students, in
22 particular, to benefit from an awareness of these contributions;
23 and

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

28 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Week was
29 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of
30 Women in 1977, a celebration that evolved into Women's
31 History Month, commemorated throughout the nation by schools,
32 historians, and community groups; and

33 WHEREAS, The achievements of women who have gone
34 before us will enable contemporary women and men to create
35 tomorrow's history by working toward an end to physical and
36 sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in
37 employment, and the relegation to poverty status of many
38 women, and by advocating for the full participation of women in
39 the economic and political arena, the provision of adequate child
40 care, respect for those who choose homemaking and motherhood

1 as their career, and equal access to all of the opportunities this
2 great nation has to offer; and

3 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement
4 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of
5 women's role in making history and shaping the cultural and
6 societal makeup of California and the United States, and because
7 it is a rich part of our common heritage, a story of gallantry and
8 devotion to the belief that the opportunity for complete human
9 dignity should not be denied to one-half of the state and the
10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project has
12 adopted this year's theme, "Women: Builders of Communities
13 and Dreams," to honor the spirit of possibility and hope set in
14 motion by generations of women creating communities,
15 encouraging dreams, and restoring hope in the face of impossible
16 odds; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
19 takes pleasure in joining the California Commission on the Status
20 of Women and the National Women's History Project in
21 honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month
22 of March 2006 as Women's History Month; and be it further

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