

House Resolution

No. 33

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House Resolution No. 33—Relative to Women’s History Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic
- 2 background have participated in the founding and building of our
- 3 nation, have made historic contributions to the growth and strength
- 4 of our nation, and have played a critical role in shaping the
- 5 economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society, not in the least
- 6 of ways through their participation in the labor force, working both
- 7 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

1 labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the
2 call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; 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 women
10 of California and the United States, and for students, in particular,
11 to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Week was
17 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of
18 Women in 1977, a celebration that evolved into Women's History
19 Month, commemorated throughout the nation by schools,
20 historians, and community groups; and

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

31 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement
32 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of women's
33 role in making history and shaping the cultural and societal makeup
34 of California and the United States, and because it is a rich part of
35 our common heritage, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief
36 that the opportunity for complete human dignity should not be
37 denied to one-half of the state and the nation; now, therefore, be
38 it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*
40 *Assembly of the State of California takes pleasure in joining the*

1 California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in
2 honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month of
3 March 2014 as Women’s History Month; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the Chair of the California State Legislative
6 Women’s Caucus and to the Chair of the California Commission
7 on the Status of Women and Girls for distribution to appropriate
8 organizations.

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