HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28 BY GARRETT

A Resolution designating March 2013 as Iowa Women's
History Month.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and 4 ethnic background have made historic contributions 5 to the growth and strength of our state and nation 6 in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including 7 through the struggle for women's rights; and WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to 8 9 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by 10 constituting a significant portion of the labor force 11 working inside and outside of the home; and WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in 12 13 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, 14 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended the Iowa 15 16 Constitution to read that "All men and women are, by 17 nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable 18 rights..."; and WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in 19 20 agriculture, business, and industry, as well as in the 21 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the 22 labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the 23 woman suffrage movement, which create a more fair and 24 just society for all; and WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of 25

26 women throughout the world, the role of women has been 27 undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of 28 history; NOW THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That 2 the House of Representatives designates the month of 3 March 2013 as Iowa Women's History Month and invites 4 the citizens of Iowa to continue to uncover the roles 5 women have played throughout history.