

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

2 BY MADDOX and MASCHER

3 A Concurrent Resolution designating March 2004 as
4 Iowa Women's History Month.

5 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and
6 ethnic background have made historic contributions to
7 the growth and strength of our state and nation in
8 countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including
9 through the struggle for women's rights; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to
11 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by
12 constituting a significant portion of the labor force
13 working inside and outside the home despite being
14 underpaid; and

15 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in
16 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,
17 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men finally amended the
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that "All
20 men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have
21 certain inalienable rights ..."; and

22 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the
23 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the
24 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,
25 the peace movement, and the women's suffrage movement,
26 which have created a more fair and just society for
27 all people; and

28 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of
29 women throughout the world, the role of women has been
30 consistently overlooked and undervalued in the

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1 literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW

2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE

4 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly

5 designates the month of March 2004 as Iowa Women's

6 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to

7 continue to uncover the roles women have played

8 throughout history.

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