

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17  
2 BY JACOBS and MASCHER  
3 (COMPANION TO LSB 3033SS BY RAGAN)  
4 A Concurrent Resolution designating March 2003 as  
5 Iowa Women's History Month.  
6 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and  
7 ethnic background have made historic contributions to  
8 the growth and strength of our state and nation in  
9 countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including  
10 through the struggle for women's rights; and  
11 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to  
12 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by  
13 constituting a significant portion of the labor force  
14 working inside and outside the home despite being  
15 underpaid; and  
16 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in  
17 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,  
18 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and  
19 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended the  
20 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that "All  
21 men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have  
22 certain inalienable rights. . ."; and  
23 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the  
24 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the  
25 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,  
26 the peace movement, and the women's suffrage movement,  
27 which have created a more fair and just society for  
28 all people; and  
29 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of  
30 women throughout the world, the role of women has been

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1 consistently overlooked and undervalued in the  
2 literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW  
3 THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
6 designates the month of March 2003 as Iowa Women's  
7 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to  
8 continue to uncover the roles women have played  
9 throughout history.

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