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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

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(COMPANION TO LSB 3033HH BY JACOBS)

A Concurrent Resolution designating March 2003 as Iowa Women's History Month.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of 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 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES 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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