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RULES & ADMINISTRATION

T	SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2	BY McCOY and TINSMAN
3	A Concurrent Resolution designating March 2005 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
	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
22	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 woman suffrage movement,
	thereby creating a more fair and just society for all
	people; and
28	WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of
	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,
      BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
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 4 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
 5 designates the month of March 2005 as Iowa Women's
 6 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to
 7 continue to discover the roles women have played
 8 throughout history.
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