## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113 BY WINCKLER and L. MILLER

1 A Resolution designating March 2010 as Iowa Women's 2 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 8 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to 9 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role 10 by constituting a significant portion of the labor 11 force working inside and outside the home despite being 12 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 ratified the amendment to the Iowa Constitution, declaring that "All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain j inalienable rights"; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the 21 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the 22 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, 23 the peace movement, and the women's suffrage movement, 24 which created a more fair and just society for all 25 people; and

26 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those 27 of women throughout the world, the role of women has 28 been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in

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1 the literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW
2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That 4 the House of Representatives designates the month of 5 March 2010 as Iowa Women's History Month and invites 6 the citizens of Iowa to continue to uncover, recognize, 7 and honor the roles women have played throughout 8 history.