## House Resolution 23 - Introduced

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.
                   BY WINCKLER and L. MILLER
  3 A Resolution designating March 2009 as Iowa Women's
        History Month.
        WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and
  6 ethnic background have made historic contributions to
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   7 the growth and strength of our state and nation in
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   8 countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including
  9 through the struggle for women's rights; and
        WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to
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1 11 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by 1 12 constituting a significant portion of the labor force
1 13 working inside and outside the home despite being
1 14 underpaid; and
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        WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in
1 16 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,
1 17 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and
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        WHEREAS, Iowa women and men ratified the amendment
1 19 to the Iowa Constitution, declaring that "All men and
1 20 women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain
  21 inalienable rights"; and
        WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the
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1 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,
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1 26 which created a more fair and just society for all
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  27 people; and
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       WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of
  29 women throughout the world, the role of women has been
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  30 consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the
   1 literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW
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   2 THEREFORE,
       BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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   4 That the House of Representatives designates the month
   5 of March 2009 as Iowa Women's History Month and
   6 invites the citizens of Iowa to continue to uncover,
   7 recognize, and honor the roles women have played 8 throughout history.
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