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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The celebration of National Women's History Month in  
2 March 2009 provides a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the myriad  
3 achievements and immeasurable contributions of American women; and

4           WHEREAS, To raise awareness of women's history in the  
5 traditional classroom curriculum as well as in the public  
6 consciousness, an observance lasting a week began in the late  
7 1970s; the movement spread to numerous cities and counties across  
8 the country, and by 1987 the National Women's History Project had  
9 petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the  
10 entire month of March; the event continues today as a way of  
11 ensuring that the history of women is duly recognized in schools,  
12 workplaces, and communities throughout the United States; and

13           WHEREAS, In recent years, National Women's History Month has  
14 sparked a growing interest in rediscovering forgotten events and  
15 people that are noteworthy in the history of American women, and  
16 such groups as the President's Commission on the Celebration of  
17 Women in American History and the Women's Progress Commemorative  
18 Commission have recommended programs for teaching women's history  
19 and have identified historical sites that are important for  
20 preservation; and

21           WHEREAS, The theme for the 2009 observance of National  
22 Women's History Month is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet,"  
23 and it honors the individuals who are actively involved in the  
24 environmental protection movement at local, state, and national

1 levels; and

2           WHEREAS, Women of every race, ethnicity, and economic  
3 background have contributed to the strength of our nation and our  
4 state, and it is indeed fitting to pay tribute to the many  
5 pioneering women in this country and to honor all those who are  
6 carrying on the legacy of these women in the Lone Star State; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby recognize March 2009 as National Women's History Month and  
10 encourage all Texans to learn more about the inspiring women who  
11 have shaped the history of our state.