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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Month in March
2 2013 provides a fitting opportunity to highlight the immeasurable
3 contributions of American women; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, women have played a
5 critical role in the progress of our nation, though for too long
6 their efforts have been unsung and undervalued; and

7 WHEREAS, During the 18th and 19th centuries, women were
8 instrumental in transforming our society, despite not having the
9 protection of full citizenship and equal rights; in addition to
10 creating thousands of soldiers' aid societies and raising more than
11 \$15 million for the troops during the Civil War, they formed
12 benevolent societies to care for widows, children, and the mentally
13 ill, endowed universities, and established hundreds of public
14 libraries across the country; they endured arrest and harassment
15 for demanding their inalienable rights, and they marched for social
16 justice for themselves and for others; and

17 WHEREAS, Because those determined women raised their
18 individual voices into a chorus that would not be silenced, women
19 now hold seats on the highest court in our land and serve bravely in
20 our military, and they win collegiate basketball championships and
21 elections, proving that a woman's place can be in the house and in
22 the House of Representatives; and

23 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Women Inspiring Innovation
24 through Imagination," highlights the myriad achievements that

1 women have made in science, technology, engineering, and math;
2 among those honored by the National Women's History Project this
3 year are Grace Murray Hopper, one of the world's first computer
4 programmers, and Edith Clarke, a graduate of MIT, who became the
5 first female professor of electrical engineering in the country
6 when she was hired to teach at The University of Texas at Austin in
7 1947; and

8 WHEREAS, Women of every race, ethnicity, faith, and economic
9 background have contributed to the strength of our state and our
10 nation, and it is indeed fitting to pay tribute to the pioneering
11 women who shaped this nation's history and to those who are carrying
12 on their legacy today; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby designate March 2013 as Women's History Month and encourage
15 all Texans to learn more about the inspiring women who have
16 contributed so much to our country and to the Lone Star State.