

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Month during March
2 2017 provides an ideal opportunity to acknowledge the historic
3 contributions made by women in the Lone Star State and beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, Since the founding of the Texas Republic, women have
5 played crucial roles in the social, economic, and cultural spheres;
6 Texas women participated in the abolitionist movement, and they not
7 only secured their own right to vote but have also worked in behalf
8 of all citizens to promote equal opportunity, civil rights, peace,
9 and justice; and

10 WHEREAS, Examples of the noteworthy accomplishments of women
11 abound; educator and suffragist Annie Webb Blanton became the first
12 woman in Texas to hold a statewide public office when she was
13 elected state superintendent for public instruction in 1918;
14 aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman, born in Atlanta, Texas, in 1892,
15 became the first African American woman to receive a pilot's
16 license and embarked on a career as a stunt flyer; the daughter of
17 migrant workers, Rebecca Flores Harrington was the first in her
18 family to attend college, and after graduating from the University
19 of Michigan, she dedicated herself to social justice and became
20 head of the Texas chapter of the United Farm Workers movement;
21 engineer Frances "Poppy" Northcutt was the first woman to hold an
22 operational support role in NASA's mission control, and she served
23 as president of the Houston chapter of the National Organization
24 for Women; after leaving hit pop group Destiny's Child, Beyoncé

1 Knowles built an even bigger solo career and established herself as
2 a business mogul and cultural icon while embracing feminism;
3 Barbara Bush, the daughter of former president George W. Bush,
4 cofounded Global Health Corps and, at 26, became chief executive of
5 the leadership development organization, which focuses on health
6 equity; and

7 WHEREAS, The strength of our nation depends heavily on the
8 continued advancement of women; by acknowledging the enormous
9 positive impact they have made, we encourage future generations to
10 ensure that gender is not an obstacle that must be overcome on the
11 road to achievement; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March as Women's History Month and
14 celebrate the contributions made by women to this state and nation.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1159 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House