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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 599

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY
2 MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI" AND RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF THE NATIONAL
3 WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT.

4 WHEREAS, March 2003 is National Women's History Month; and

5 WHEREAS, in National Women's History Month, we honor all
6 women who have touched this nation's history and our own personal
7 history, women who contribute to the people and ideals of this
8 great country; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Project has adopted as
10 its theme for 2003 "Women Pioneering the Future", to acknowledge
11 the pioneering women from U.S. history who led and won struggles
12 for equality and civil rights, created and advanced educational
13 and professional opportunities and made great contributions to the
14 arts, sciences and humanistic causes, and the innovative women of
15 today who further these efforts and continue to expend the
16 frontiers of possibility for generations to come; and

17 WHEREAS, in keeping with this theme, the National Women's
18 History Project has selected the following women exemplary of the
19 women who inspired us as pioneers:

- 20 (a) Rebecca Adamson, Native American Advocate;
- 21 (b) Rachel Carson, Scientist and Environmentalist;
- 22 (c) Linda Chavez-Thompson, Labor Leader;
- 23 (d) Mae C. Jemison, Scientist, Educator and Former
24 Astronaut;
- 25 (e) Yuri Kochiyama, Civil Rights Advocate;
- 26 (f) Tania Leon, Composer and Conductor;
- 27 (g) Robin Roberts, Broadcast Journalist;



- 28 (h) Harilyn Rousso, Disability Rights Activist and
29 Psychotherapist;
- 30 (i) Margaret Chase Smith, Congressional Representative and
31 Senator;
- 32 (j) Wilma L. Vaught, Brigadier General, United States Air
33 Force, Retired; and
- 34 (k) Rebecca Walker, Youth Organizer and Writer; and

35 WHEREAS, to emphasize the role of women in our state, the
36 Legislature in 2001 established the Mississippi Commission on the
37 Status of Women to advise and consult with the Legislature and the
38 executive branch on policies affecting the political status and
39 other concerns of women in Mississippi; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these women
41 who serve as role models in pioneering Mississippi's future:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
44 we do hereby designate March 2003 as "Women's History Month in
45 Mississippi" and recognize the honorees of the National Women's
46 History Project who represent the theme of "Women Pioneering the
47 Future."

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this
49 resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the
50 Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women and a copy be made
51 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

