

By: Senator(s) Dawkins, Williamson, Harden,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2007 AS "WOMEN'S
2 HISTORY MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI" AND RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S
3 HISTORY PROJECT.

4 WHEREAS, March 2007 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, American women have played and continue to play a
10 critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of
11 the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of
12 the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

13 WHEREAS, the theme for National Women's History Month, March
14 2007 is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." The 2007
15 Honorees represent many generations of women who, with their
16 amazing intelligence, talent, courage and tenacity testify to the
17 myriad ways that generations of women have moved history forward.
18 In 1977, the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas marked
19 a high point in the influence of the Women's Rights Movement on
20 the formation of government policy, and this year recognizes the
21 30th anniversary of this historic event; and

22 WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic
23 background have made historic contributions to the growth and
24 strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways.
25 Women's history becomes a story of inspiration and hope, a story
26 of courage and tenacity, a story of possibility and purpose.
27 Women's history is our nation's story. It is the story of how

28 women built communities and inspired and nurtured dreams and how
29 they will continue to do so; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2007 Honorees for National Women's History Month
31 are: Matilda Josyln Gage, Women's Rights Activist, Theorist and
32 Historian; Virginia Foster Durr, Civil Rights Activist and Author;
33 Martha Wright Griffiths, Congresswoman who successfully added sex
34 as a protected class in the 1964 Civil Rights Act; Constance Baker
35 Motley, first African-American woman appointed to the federal
36 Judiciary; Lupe Anguiano, protector of the earth and activist for
37 the poor; Brownie Ledbetter, Civil Rights Advocate and Activist
38 working for equal opportunity for all people; Minniejean Brown
39 Trickey, Civil Rights Activist who integrated Central High School
40 in 1957; Barbara Haney Irvine, Founding President, Alice Paul
41 Centennial Foundation, Inc. (now Alice Paul Institute); Mary
42 Ruthsdotter, Co-Founder of the National Women's History Project;
43 Rebecca S. Halstead, Commanding General, 3rd Corps Support
44 Command, Wiesbaden, Germany; Joanelle Romero, launched Red Nation
45 Media Internet and Television Channel; Suzanne Lewis, first Woman
46 Superintendent in the history of Yellowstone National Park; Toshi
47 Reagon, Singer, Songwriter, blending every American style of
48 music; and Monique Mehta, Executive Director of the Third Wave
49 Foundation; and

50 WHEREAS, to emphasize the role of women in our state, the
51 Legislature in 2001 established the Mississippi Commission on the
52 Status of Women to advise and consult with the Legislature and the
53 executive branch on policies affecting the political status and
54 other concerns of women in Mississippi; and

55 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American
56 women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued,
57 in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and it
58 is with great pride that we recognize women who serve as role
59 models in pioneering Mississippi's future:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
62 we do hereby designate March 2007 as "Women's History Month in
63 Mississippi" and recognize the honorees of the National Women's
64 History Project who represent the theme of "Generations of Women
65 Moving History Forward."

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
67 the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women to observe
68 appropriate programs, ceremonies, activities and a copy be made
69 available to the Capitol Press Corps.