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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 Joselyn 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.