

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2006 AS "WOMEN'S
2 HISTORY MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI" AND RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S
3 HISTORY PROJECT.

4 WHEREAS, March 2006 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 2006 Women's History Month theme, "Women:
10 Builders of Communities and Dreams" honors and recognizes the
11 spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of
12 women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of
13 dreams; and

14 WHEREAS, community comes in many forms, and dreams change,
15 expand, and are sometimes fulfilled. Women: Builders of
16 Communities and Dreams honors women for bringing communities
17 together and restoring hope in the face of impossible odds; and

18 WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic
19 background have made historic contributions to the growth and
20 strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways.
21 Women's history becomes a story of inspiration and hope, a story
22 of courage and tenacity, a story of possibility and purpose.
23 Women's history is our nation's story. It is the story of how
24 women built communities and inspired and nurtured dreams and how
25 they will continue to do so; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2006 National Women's History Month Honorees:
27 Juana Gutierrez, Political Activist and Community Organizer,

28 Aileen Hernandez, Union Organizer and Human Rights Activist,
29 Winona LaDuke, Author and Environmentalist, Cindy Marano, Economic
30 Justice Activist and Public Policy Visionary, Mary Aloysius
31 Molloy, Educator and Innovator, Nancy Skinner Nordhoff,
32 Philanthropist and Environmentalist, Mary Taylor Previte, Pioneer
33 and Advocate for Juvenile Justice, Betty Reid Soskin, Cultural
34 Anthropologist and Writer, Mary Tsukamoto, Educator, Writer, and
35 Cultural Historian, and Marian Van Landingham, Artist and
36 Community Leader; and

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

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

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby designate March 2006 as "Women's History Month in
50 Mississippi" and recognize the honorees of the National Women's
51 History Project who represent the theme of "Women: Builders of
52 Communities and Dreams."

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