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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 56

Introduced by Senator Skinner

January 18, 2024

Relative to Women's History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 56, Skinner.

WHEREAS, Women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have been essential participants in the founding and building of our nation and the State of California and have made historic and substantial contributions to the growth and strength of our nation and state; and

WHEREAS, Women have been and continue to be groundbreakers in every facet of our economic, civic, academic and cultural life, and responsible for significant "firsts" in business, science, athletics, technology, medicine, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for social change, including their own movement for suffrage and equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and

WHEREAS, Despite the significant contributions women have made, many achievements by women have been largely overlooked and unacknowledged, which has contributed to the pervasive gender inequity present throughout American society; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Week was initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in 1978, an occasion that was then enacted by Congress in the 1987 as National Women's History Month in perpetuity in acknowledgment that the significant contributions made by women to every field of American life were largely undocumented and unknown and deserve to be recognized; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is now commemorated throughout the nation by states, schools, historians, and community groups, providing an opportunity to focus attention on the historical role and accomplishments of women so all can benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month will be not only a call to acknowledge the outstanding American, and in particular, Californian, women whose names we know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have anonymously shaped our collective past; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of the women who have gone before us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow's history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in employment and education, and the relegation to poverty status of many women and by advocating for the full participation of women in every arena, whether politics, government, business, science, technology, or academia, as well as equal access to all of the opportunities our great nation has to offer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate of the State of California takes pleasure in joining the United States Congress and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month of March 2024 as Women's History Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Vice Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, to the Chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls for distribution to appropriate organizations, and to the California State Librarian.