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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the historic Million Woman March in Philadelphia  
2 and honoring the organizers of the event as well as all of  
3 its participants.

4 WHEREAS, More than 1.5 million African-American women  
5 gathered in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 25, 1997, to:

6 (1) Peacefully join in a show of unity and cohesion.

7 (2) Affirm a commitment to strengthening the role of  
8 African-American women as important members of society.

9 (3) Bond, share common experiences and begin to help one  
10 another address the issues of crime, drugs, education and  
11 employment in their communities.

12 (4) Celebrate the importance of the family and the  
13 strong values that families instill on their members;

14 and

15 WHEREAS, The organization of the Million Woman March was  
16 largely a grass-roots effort spearheaded by a few determined

1 African-American women from Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, In spite of overwhelming odds against the success of  
3 organizing such a massive endeavor, the Million Woman March was  
4 a resounding success; and

5 WHEREAS, The Million Woman March received widespread acclaim  
6 and national attention focusing on the city of Philadelphia, the  
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and African-American women as a  
8 whole; and

9 WHEREAS, Society as a whole benefits when women from all  
10 across the world unite to show unity, understanding and  
11 fellowship; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the spirit  
13 of the Million Woman March; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the organizers of the Million Woman March be  
15 commended for a job well done and for showing the world that  
16 when Pennsylvanian women put their minds to it, there is nothing  
17 that they cannot accomplish.