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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the work and dedication of the National Congress of
  - Black Women, Inc., and recognizing and celebrating women's
- 3 historic achievements.

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- 4 WHEREAS, The National Congress of Black Women, Inc., (NCBW)
- 5 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the educational,
- 6 political, economic and cultural development of African-American
- 7 women and their families; and
- 8 WHEREAS, NCBW also serves as a nonpartisan voice and
- 9 instrument on issues pertaining to the appointment of African-
- 10 American women at all levels of government and to the increase
- 11 of African-American women's participation in educational,
- 12 political, economic and social arenas; and
- 13 WHEREAS, NCBW provides opportunities for women for leadership
- 14 and decision-making positions in government, nonprofit
- 15 organizations and the private sector; and
- 16 WHEREAS, African-American women have made historic

- 1 contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in
- 2 countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- 3 WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an opportunity for us to
- 5 recognize the contributions women have made and to honor those
- 6 who blazed trails for women's empowerment and equality; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Countless women have steered the course of our
- 8 history, and their stories are ones of steadfast determination;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, From reaching for the ballot box to breaking
- 11 barriers on athletic fields and battlefields, American women
- 12 have stood resolute in the face of adversity and overcome
- 13 obstacles to realize their full measure of success; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Women continue to play a critical economic, cultural
- 15 and social role in every sphere of life in this Commonwealth by
- 16 constituting a significant portion of the labor force working
- 17 inside and outside of the home; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their
- 19 own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the
- 20 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial
- 21 labor movement, the civil rights movement and the peace
- 22 movement, all of which helped to create a more fair and just
- 23 society for all; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American
- 25 women in history has been consistently overlooked and
- 26 undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American
- 27 history; therefore be it
- 28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the work
- 29 and dedication of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc.,
- 30 and recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements.