**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD THE MANY WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS AND CONTRIBUTORS TO, AND WHO CONTINUE TO LEAD AND CONTRIBUTE TO, THE ADVANCEMENT OF OUR SOCIETY, OUR NATION, AND THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 2018 AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of South Carolina in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, constituting a significant portion of the labor force, women have played, and continue to play, critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of our State as they work both inside and outside the home; and

Whereas, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State; and

Whereas, in the forefront of every major progressive social‑change movement, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders; and

Whereas, women have served our country courageously in the military; and

Whereas, women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in working to support the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which created a fairer, more just society for all; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of women in history consistently has been overlooked and undervalued. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and applaud the many women who have been leaders and contributors to, and who continue to lead and contribute to, the advancement of our society, our nation, and this great State and declare March 2018 as “Women’s History Month” in South Carolina.

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