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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE  
EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM TO SECURE A  
PERMANENT HOME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

1           WHEREAS, in 1987, the United States Congress declared March  
2 as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important role  
3 women have played in shaping America; and  
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5           WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the  
6 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are  
7 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and  
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9           WHEREAS, only ten percent of the people identified in a  
10 recent survey of eighteen history textbooks were women; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in 1999, The President's Commission on the  
13 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's  
14 history museum to be established on the National Mall in  
15 Washington, D.C.; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum, founded in  
18 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution  
19 dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the  
20 diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the  
21 heritage of women fully into this nation's history; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum seeks a site  
24 on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the  
25 White House and United States Capitol Building; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum has identified  
28 federally owned property for sale near the National Mall; and  
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30           WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in the United  
31 States Congress seeking authorization for the National Women's



1 History Museum to purchase this property at fair market value  
2 with privately raised funds; and  
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4 WHEREAS, no federal funds are being requested for the  
5 purchase of this property; and  
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7 WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage  
8 stamps, buildings, and many other important issues and people of  
9 interest, but there is not a museum dedicated solely to women,  
10 who comprise fifty-one percent of the nation's population; and  
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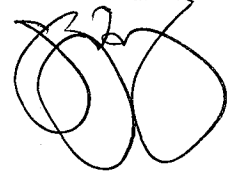
12 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum will showcase  
13 the full history of women in the United States and the  
14 contributions they have made and continue to make in the  
15 marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment,  
16 education, home, and community; and  
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18 WHEREAS, a coalition of forty-three women's organizations  
19 representing 8 million women, which includes the National  
20 Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc., supports the efforts of  
21 the National Women's History Museum to establish a permanent  
22 residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location  
23 for museums to be situated in the nation's capital; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's Congressional  
29 delegation is requested to support the efforts of the National  
30 Women's History Museum to secure a permanent home in the  
31 nation's capital for a museum that will highlight the important  
32 role women have played in shaping this great nation; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional  
36 delegation, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
37 National Women's History Museum, and the President and Chief  
38 Executive Officer of the National Foundation for Women  
39 Legislators, Inc.  
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