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3 By Representatives Boyd, Beech, Ison, Todd, Nordgren, Collins,
4 Givan, Moore (M), McClurkin and Weaver
5 RFD: Rules
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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
9 WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
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11 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared the month of
12 March as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important
13 role women have played in shaping America; and

14 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the
15 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are
16 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

17 WHEREAS, only 10 percent of the people identified in
18 a recent survey of 18 history textbooks were women; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1999, the President's Commission on the
20 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's
21 history museum to be established on "The National Mall" in
22 Washington, D.C.; and

23 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM),
24 founded in 1996, is a non-partisan, non-profit, educational
25 institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and
26 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and

1 integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's
2 history; and

3 WHEREAS, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the
4 National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and
5 the U.S. Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, the NWHM has identified federally owned
7 property for sale near the National Mall; and

8 WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in
9 Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to be able to
10 purchase this property at fair market value with privately
11 raised funds, and no federal funds are being requested for the
12 purchase of this land; and

13 WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight,
14 postage stamps, buildings, and many other important people and
15 issues of interest but not to women, and yet women comprise 51
16 percent of the nation's population; and

17 WHEREAS, the NWHM will showcase the full history of
18 women in the United States and the contributions they have
19 made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and
20 sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, a coalition of 43 women's organizations
23 representing 8 million women, which includes the National
24 Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), support the efforts
25 of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the
26 National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to be
27 situated in the nation's capital; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge members of the Alabama
3 Congressional Delegation to support the NWHM's efforts to
4 secure a permanent home in the nation's capital for a museum
5 that will highlight the important role women have played in
6 shaping this great nation.