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3 By Senators Coleman, Irons, Dunn, and Figures  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR41,

5 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
6 WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March "Women's  
9 History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have  
10 played in shaping America; and

11 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the  
12 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are  
13 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM),  
21 founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational  
22 institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and  
23 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and  
24 integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's  
25 history; and

1                   WHEREAS, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the  
2 National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and  
3 the United States Capitol; and

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

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

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

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

20                  WHEREAS, a coalition of 43 women's organizations  
21 representing 8 million women, which includes the National  
22 Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts  
23 of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the  
24 National Mall, the most prominent location for museums, to be  
25 situated in the Nation's Capital; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, by copy of this resolution, we hereby express our support for the NWHM's efforts to secure a permanent home in the Nation's Capital for a museum that will highlight the important role women have played in shaping this great nation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be made available for each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Coleman