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3 By Representatives Boyd, Beech, Ison, Todd, Nordgren, Collins,
4 Givan, Moore (M), McClurkin and Weaver
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 21-FEB-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

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

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6 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared the month of
7 March as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important
8 role women have played in shaping America; and

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM),
19 founded in 1996, is a non-partisan, non-profit, educational
20 institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and
21 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and
22 integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's
23 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 U.S. 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 be able to
8 purchase this property at fair market value with privately
9 raised funds, and no federal funds are being requested for the
10 purchase of this 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 51
14 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), support 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,

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.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 23-FEB-12.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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