ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 53

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 1996

By Assemblywoman HECK and Assemblyman COLLINS

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION to designate the month of March, 1996 as "Women's History Month" in the State of New Jersey in recognition of the many accomplishments of American women and their contributions to the history of this nation and State.

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped to create the foundations of this nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement, and the modern civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued throughout American history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

This House hereby designates the month of March, 1996 as "Women's History Month" in the State of New Jersey in recognition of the many accomplishments of American women and their contributions to the history of this nation and State.

STATEMENT

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