

House Concurrent Resolution No. 47

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, in 1987 Congress declared March to serve as "Women's History Month"
2 to acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

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4 **Whereas**, although women constitute a majority of the nation's population,
5 women's achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

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7 **Whereas**, in 1999 the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in
8 American History called for a women's history museum to be established on the National Mall
9 in Washington, D.C.; and

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11 **Whereas**, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is
12 a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and
13 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the heritage of women
14 fully into this nation's history; and

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16 **Whereas**, the NWHM has identified a site for the museum near the National Mall -
17 the Pavilion Annex of the Old Post Office Building located on Pennsylvania Avenue, in close
18 proximity to the White House and the United States Capitol Building; and

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20 **Whereas**, the Pavilion Annex has been vacant since 1992 and the NWHM has
21 raised the funds needed from private donors to sign a 99-year lease for this building and open
22 a museum; and

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24 **Whereas**, the United States Senate voted unanimously in favor of S.501, the
25 National Women's History Museum Act of 2005, a bill that directs the General Services

26 Administration to enter into a long-term lease with the NWHM for federal property that has been
27 vacant since 1992; and

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29 **Whereas**, the NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States
30 and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences,
31 government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

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33 **Whereas**, the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) is an official
34 member so the Coalition to support the efforts of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence
35 on the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to be situated in the nation's
36 capital, and NFWL has been specifically charged with the responsibility of asking the United
37 States House of Representatives to support these efforts:

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39 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
40 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
41 concurring therein, hereby urges the United States Congress to support the National Women's
42 History Museum's efforts to secure the Pavilion Annex with a lease through the General Services
43 Administration to open a museum that will highlight the important role women have played in
44 shaping this great nation; and

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46 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
47 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each
48 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.