

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4717, by Representatives Costa, Van Luven, Regala, Butler, Veloria, Gardner, Wolfe, Kenney, H. Sommers, Ballasiotes, Hankins, Dunn, L. Thomas, Dyer, Clements, Zellinsky, Gombosky, Murray, Linville, Doumit, Conway, Cody, Ogden, Skinner, Scott, Cole, Mason, Cooper, Wood, Keiser, Kastama, Tokuda, Anderson, Lantz, Fisher, Poulsen, Dickerson, Constantine, Grant, Appelwick, Radcliff, Carlson, Talcott, Mitchell, K. Schmidt, Morris, Hatfield and McDonald

WHEREAS, March 8 has been designated as International Woman's Day; and

WHEREAS, International Woman's Day was first celebrated one hundred forty years ago on March 8, 1857; and

WHEREAS, International Woman's Day celebrates women's rights and international peace throughout many nations; and

WHEREAS, International Woman's Day is intended to recognize all the accomplishments of women who have worked toward international peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Rights, freedoms, and social security for all human beings requires women's participation; and

WHEREAS, Even though the American Women's Work believes that women have a long way to go, women have come a long way; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Apgar in the early 1900s became the first woman to hold a full professorship at Columbia Medical School and developed the system for diagnosing the health of newborn babies that is still used today; and

WHEREAS, In 1906, Addie Cooper became the University of Washington's first woman to graduate with a degree in engineering; and

WHEREAS, All of the first twelve women admitted to Harvard Medical School graduated in 1949, and none "flunked out" as had been predicted; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, was born; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Patsy Mink, Democrat from Hawaii, was the first Asian-American woman elected to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Shirley Chisholm, Democrat from New York, was the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, the Women's Education Equity Act, drafted by Arlene Horowitz and introduced by Representative Patsy Mink, Democrat from Hawaii, funded the development of nonsexist teaching materials and model programs that encourage full educational opportunities for girls and women; and

WHEREAS, The fight for equality can only become stronger with the help of all women throughout different nations banding together as one;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay tribute to women everywhere for International Woman's Day.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4717 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 8, 1998.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk