

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4623, by Representative Doglio

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a global day celebrating
2 the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.
3 The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This year's theme is **Be Bold for Change**; and

6 WHEREAS, There are numerous examples of women who have been **Bold**
7 **for Change**, and, in doing so, made their marks on history and changed
8 the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, the famous "conductor" on the
10 Underground Railroad, led hundreds of slaves to freedom. She never
11 lost a fugitive or allowed one to turn back; and

12 WHEREAS, Anne Frank, who perished in Bergen-Belsen concentration
13 camp, left behind a diary which served as a unique eyewitness account
14 of life during the Holocaust; and

15 WHEREAS, Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan was the first black
16 woman elected to the Texas State Senate and the first African-
17 American Texan in Congress, man or woman. She was a staunch defender
18 of the U.S. Constitution, which, she sometimes noted, had not
19 initially included African-Americans in its "We, the people"; and

20 WHEREAS, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was a leader involved in
21 numerous humanitarian causes, who rejected the "social hostess" role
22 of first lady and turned into a more visible, active participant in
23 the White House administration. She was an early champion for civil

1 rights for African-Americans, and advocated for women, American
2 workers, refugees, and the poor; and

3 WHEREAS, United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
4 was a Presidential Medal of Freedom award recipient and the first
5 woman to serve on the Supreme Court; and

6 WHEREAS, Condoleeza Rice was the first African-American woman and
7 second woman ever to serve as the United States' National Security
8 Adviser and Secretary of State. She was also the first woman and
9 first African-American to serve as Provost of Stanford University;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen was the first Cuban-
12 American and the first Latina elected to Congress. She's been a
13 strong advocate of programs that address domestic violence against
14 women and was the lead sponsor of the reauthorization of the Violence
15 Against Women Act; and

16 WHEREAS, Cathy McMorris Rodgers was the first woman to lead the
17 Washington State House Republican Caucus during her service as a
18 state representative. As a Congresswoman, she is the longest-serving
19 woman in Republican leadership, and, as chair of the House Republican
20 Conference, she is the highest-ranking woman in Congress; and

21 WHEREAS, Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu is a
22 decorated lawyer with a strong record of service both on and off the
23 bench, and our state's first openly lesbian person and first woman of
24 color to serve on the Washington Supreme Court; and

25 WHEREAS, According to the World Economic Forum, there is a clear
26 values-based case for promoting gender parity: Women are one-half of
27 the world's population and deserve equal access to health, education,
28 economic participation and earning potential, and political decision-
29 making power;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
31 of Representatives recognize the contributions of women to our
32 society, economy, and community; and honor all women throughout our
33 state, nation, and world during the celebration of International
34 Women's Day.

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