

**SJR4 ENROLLED**



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2 By Senators Reed, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,  
3 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Elliott,  
4 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones, Kelley,  
5 Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts, Scofield, Sessions,  
6 Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts, Waggoner,  
7 Weaver, Williams, Coleman-Madison

8 RFD: RULES

9 First Read: 07-Mar-23

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND  
5 HONORING THE WOMEN OF ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, Women's History Month began as a national  
8 celebration in March 1981; in 1987, after being petitioned  
9 by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated  
10 the month of March as Women's History Month; Women's History  
11 Month celebrates the contributions women have made to the  
12 United States and recognizes the specific achievements women  
13 have made over the course of American history in a variety  
14 of fields; and

15 WHEREAS, many women from the State of Alabama have  
16 been influential in contributing to the history and future  
17 of both our state and nation through their achievements in  
18 science, government, social change, athletics, and the arts;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in state government, our current Governor,  
21 Kay Ivey, is the longest serving woman governor in our  
22 state's history and the second woman elected to that office  
23 after Lurleen Wallace, who, in her short time in office, was  
24 an advocate for state parks and education; their service was  
25 preceded by the first woman elected to the House of  
26 Representatives of the Alabama State Legislature in 1923,  
27 suffragist Hattie Hooker Wilkins; and

28 WHEREAS, there are 24 distinguished women currently



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29 serving in the Alabama State Legislature; Senators, Merika  
30 Coleman, Linda Coleman-Madison, Vivian Davis Figures, and  
31 April Weaver; and Representatives, Cynthia Almond, Barbara  
32 Boyd, Adline Clarke, Terri Collins, Barbara Drummond, Susan  
33 DuBose, Jennifer Fidler, Juandalyn Givan, Donna Givens,  
34 Laura Hall, Francis Holk-Jones, Rolanda Hollis, Leigh  
35 Hulse, Patrice McClammy, Mary Moore, TaShina Morris, Ginny  
36 Shaver, Pebblin W. Warren, Margie Wilcox, and Debbie Wood;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, in national government, Alabama women have  
39 made their mark since the appointment of Dixie B. Graves to  
40 the United States Senate in 1937; beginning her term of  
41 service this year, the first woman from our state to be  
42 elected to the U.S. Senate is Katie Britt; in the United  
43 States House of Representatives, the first woman from  
44 Alabama was elected in 1972, Elizabeth Andrews; in 2011,  
45 voters elected the first African American Woman from  
46 Alabama, Terri Sewell, to serve; and Condoleezza Rice served  
47 as the 66th United States Secretary of State, the first  
48 female African American appointed to that office, and she  
49 was the first woman to serve in the position of National  
50 Security Advisor to the President during George W. Bush's  
51 first term in office; and

52 WHEREAS, in 1891, African American and Pennsylvania  
53 native, Dr. Halle Tanner Dillon Johnson, moved to Alabama to  
54 work at the Tuskegee Institute at the request of Booker T.  
55 Washington and became the first woman of any race to be  
56 licensed in Alabama to practice medicine; in 1916, Sister



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57 Chrysostom Moynahan became the first registered nurse  
58 licensed in Alabama, founded St. Vincent's School of  
59 Nursing, and led Sisters and lay nurses, known as the Loyola  
60 Unit, to Italy during the first World War and was decorated  
61 by the governments of both the U.S. and Italy for her  
62 bravery; and Dr. May Jemison was the first African American  
63 female astronaut to travel in space on the Space Shuttle  
64 Endeavor as the science mission specialist; and

65 WHEREAS, many champion athletes hail from Alabama,  
66 including Olympians, Jennifer Chandler, Alabama's first  
67 female winner of an individual Olympic gold medal; Vonetta  
68 Flowers, the first African American and first Black athlete  
69 from any country to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics;  
70 and Mia Hamm, professional soccer player, two-time Olympic  
71 gold medalist, and two-time FIFA Women's World Cup champion,  
72 who also advocates for women in sports; and

73 WHEREAS, Alabama has produced two Pulitzer Prize  
74 winners, Harper Lee, who authored "To Kill A Mockingbird,"  
75 and journalist Cynthia Tucker, who was a Pulitzer finalist  
76 in 2004 and 2006 and won the honor in 2007 in the commentary  
77 category; Octavia Spencer and Louise Fletcher are winners of  
78 the Academy Award, and Octavia is the first African American  
79 actress to receive two consecutive Oscar nominations; Grammy  
80 Award nominees and winners from Alabama include Candi  
81 Staton, Martha Reeves, Dinah Washington, and Emmylou Harris;  
82 and the icon and embodiment of the liberated woman of the  
83 "Roaring 20s," Zelda Fitzgerald, was an author, painter, and  
84 socialite from Montgomery; and



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85           WHEREAS, some of the most notable women from Alabama  
86 worked for the betterment of others through advocacy and  
87 social reform, including Helen Keller, who was the first  
88 deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree, an  
89 author, disability rights advocate, and political activist;  
90 Julia Tutwiler, who advocated for education and prison  
91 reform and was the first and only woman president of  
92 Livingston Normal College, now the University of West  
93 Alabama; and Rosa Parks, whose courageous refusal to give up  
94 her seat on a Montgomery bus and subsequent arrest launched  
95 the Civil Rights Movement; and

96           WHEREAS, it is important to recognize these  
97 trailblazing women from the State of Alabama for their  
98 outstanding contributions to the state and our nation; now  
99 therefore,

100           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
101 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That March is recognized as  
102 Women's History Month, and this resolution is offered to  
103 honor and celebrate those women who serve as role models and  
104 leaders in science, government, industry, social reform,  
105 athletics, and the arts, and especially those notable women  
106 of Alabama, with our greatest respect and admiration for all  
107 they have done and will continue to do.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 23-Mar-23

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By: Senator Reed