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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 2012 TO BE "WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH" AT THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, New Mexican women of every race, class and ethnic
background have made historic contributions to the growth and
strength of the state and the nation in countless ways recorded
and unrecorded; and

WHEREAS, New Mexican women have played and continue to
play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every
sphere of the life of the state and the nation by constituting
a significant portion of the labor force, working both inside
and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, historically, New Mexican women have supplied the
majority of volunteer labor in the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexican women have been leaders, not only in

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1 securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity,
2 but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation
3 movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights
4 movement and other movements, especially the peace movement,
5 creating a more fair and just society for all; and

6 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of New
7 Mexican women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued
8 in the literature, teaching and study of history;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2012 be
11 declared "Women's Herstory Month" at the house of
12 representatives.