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SENATE RESOLUTION **12**

A RESOLUTION supporting the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.

SPONSORS: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24;
Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Merrill, Dist 21; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10

COMMITTEE:

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

A RESOLUTION supporting the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.

1 Whereas, in 1987, Congress declared March as “Women’s History Month” to acknowledge the
2 important role women have played in shaping America; and

3 Whereas, although women constitute a majority of the nation’s population, their achievements
4 and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

5 Whereas, in a recent survey of 18 history books, only 10 percent of the people identified were
6 women; and

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 in
9 Washington, D.C.; and

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

14 Whereas, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the
15 White House and United States Capitol; and

16 Whereas, the NWHM has identified federally-owned property for sale near the National Mall;
17 and

18 Whereas, legislation is currently pending in Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to be
19 able to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised funds. No federal funds are
20 being requested for the purchase of this land; and

21 Whereas, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many other
22 important people and issues, but not to women, and yet women comprise 51 percent of the nation’s
23 population; and

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

27 Whereas, a coalition of 43 women’s organizations representing 8 million women, which includes
28 the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts of the NWHM to
29 establish a permanent residence on the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to
30 be situated in the nation’s capital; now, therefore, be it

31 Resolved, that this New Hampshire senate hereby respectfully urges the esteemed members of
32 the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to support the NWHM’s

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1 efforts to secure a permanent home on or close to the National Mall for a museum that will highlight
2 the important role women have played in shaping this great nation; and be it further

3 Resolved, that the secretary of state is directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution
4 to the National Foundation for Women Legislators and the New Hampshire congressional
5 delegation.