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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR WOMEN IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C., TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEADERSHIP  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICA'S WOMEN.

1           WHEREAS, the 2007 International Women's Leadership  
2 Conference, hosted by the State of Hawaii, inspired and  
3 empowered women to deepen their understanding of what it means  
4 to be a woman leader; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the group of women presenters at the International  
7 Women's Leadership Conference were chosen for their exemplary  
8 leadership, including business and government executives,  
9 community organization directors, and scientific experts from  
10 all over the world; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the International Women's Leadership Conference  
13 raised the awareness of women in business, government service,  
14 and countless other professions to higher sights, higher  
15 standards, and exciting and attainable future goals; and  
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17           WHEREAS, particularly for women in Hawaii, the  
18 International Women's Leadership Conference helped them to  
19 realize their potential and collective strength to perform  
20 successfully in leadership positions in their own communities;  
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23           WHEREAS, the International Women's Leadership Conference  
24 focused on developing strong leadership skills in women by  
25 encouraging each conference participant to explore ideas and  
26 reach out in home communities to make a difference, day by day;  
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29           WHEREAS, today's women shall bequeath their talents,  
30 education, wisdom, leadership skills, and the fruits of their  
31 successes to the coming generations, encouraging and enabling  
32 women, especially young professionals and students, to reach for  
33 the stars; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in addition to private and government sector women  
2 leaders, the military has had its share of women leaders from  
3 the Revolutionary War to the present who have performed  
4 courageously in a wide variety of duties; and  
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6 WHEREAS, women in the United States have taken leadership  
7 roles in every major field of endeavor, often while  
8 simultaneously supporting and nurturing families; and  
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10 WHEREAS, a November 20, 2000, article in *Business Week*  
11 *Online*, stated that, by and large, studies show that women  
12 executives, when rated by their peers, subordinates, and bosses,  
13 score higher than their male counterparts on a wide variety of  
14 measures--from producing high-quality work to goal-setting to  
15 mentoring employees; and  
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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 40 United States Code Section  
18 8903, Congressional authorization is necessary to establish  
19 commemorative works, defined under section 8902 to include  
20 memorials in the District of Columbia, to "reflect a consensus  
21 of the lasting national significance of the subjects involved"  
22 (40 U.S.C. § 8901); and  
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24 WHEREAS, a national monument in Washington, D.C., dedicated  
25 to recognizing and honoring the leadership contributions of  
26 America's women is an ideal means of enshrining the past  
27 achievements of women leaders and inspiring future women  
28 leaders; now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
32 that the United States Congress is requested to authorize the  
33 establishment of a National Monument for Women in Washington,  
34 D.C., to recognize and honor the leadership contributions of  
35 America's women; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States  
39 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
40 Representatives, the Governor of Hawaii, and Hawaii's  
41 congressional delegation.

