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Honoring the accomplishments and unfailing spirit of women in the 20th century.

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Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the accomplishments and unfailing spirit of women in the 20th century.

Whereas women should be celebrated for the unparalleled strides made during the 20th century in education, professional careers, legal rights, politics, military service, religion, sports, and self-reliance;

Whereas at the dawn of the 20th century, women in the United States were denied their constitutional right to equal protection of the law, including the right to vote;

Whereas the women's suffrage movement, the largest grassroots political movement in the Nation's history, involved approximately 2,000,000 women and took more than 70 years of petitions, referenda, speeches, national and State campaigns, demonstrations, arrests, and hunger strikes;

Whereas women won the right to vote throughout the United States with the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution in 1920, and by the end of the century women were voting in larger numbers than men in some national elections;

Whereas women represent an increasing percentage of the population awarded college and postgraduate degrees;

Whereas women are increasingly owning businesses and working to narrow the pay gap between women and men;

Whereas in World War I, women were only allowed to serve in the Army as nurses, and approximately 10,000 of the 30,000 women that served in World War I served as volunteers overseas, with no rank and no benefits;

Whereas during the 20th century, women served the Nation proudly and capably in the Armed Forces, including duty in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo, and in supportive roles during all of these conflicts;

Whereas women now serve in all ranks and branches of the Armed Forces as pilots, intelligence specialists, drill instructors, specialists, technicians, soldiers, airmen, and marines on the battlefields, and as sailors aboard Navy and Coast Guard ships at sea;

Whereas the 20th century saw women in new roles as justices on the Supreme Court, members of the President's Executive Cabinet, and Members of Congress;

Whereas women's contributions have become invaluable as Federal, State, and local legislators, Governors, judges, Cabinet officers, county commissioners, mayors, city council members, and directors of Federal, State, and local agencies;

Whereas women made significant strides in the 20th century,  
yet as we enter the 21st century women continue to face  
inequality;

Whereas women are disparately excluded from health care re-  
search, clinical trials, and treatment;

Whereas women continue to be underrepresented in science  
and technology careers;

Whereas women are often paid only 72 cents for each 1 dol-  
lar paid to men for the same work;

Whereas women are disproportionately affected by poverty  
and elderly women are generally more dependent on the  
social security program under title II of the Social Secu-  
rity Act; and

Whereas women can reflect upon the opportunities created  
during the 20th century and look toward even greater ac-  
complishments in the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) honors and commends the accomplishments  
3       and unfailing spirit of women in the 20th century;

4           (2) recognizes the crucial roles of women in our  
5       communities as mothers, wives, and family care-  
6       givers;

7           (3) recognizes the disparity in equality that  
8       women still face;

9           (4) reaffirms the need to prevent and punish vi-  
10       olence against women so that women may be safe  
11       from domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse,  
12       and violence in the workplace;

1           (5) recognizes that women should have equal  
2           access to health care and inclusion in research and  
3           clinical trials;

4           (6) recognizes the need for equality in voca-  
5           tional and academic education;

6           (7) recognizes that the pay gap should be  
7           closed;

8           (8) commits to preserving the social security  
9           program under title II of the Social Security Act  
10          and the medicare program under title XVIII of such  
11          Act; and

12          (9) pledges to make the 21st century the “Cen-  
13          tury of Equal Opportunity for Women”.

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