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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 JOINING WOMEN WORLDWIDE IN CELEBRATING MARCH 8 AS
10 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 JOINING WOMEN WORLDWIDE IN CELEBRATING
14 MARCH 8 AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

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17 WHEREAS, March 8 is recognized worldwide as International Women's Day;
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20 WHEREAS, this date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is
21 designated in many countries as a national holiday; and

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23 WHEREAS, when women on all continents, often divided by national
24 boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic, and political
25 differences, come together to celebrate their day, they can look back to a
26 tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality,
27 justice, peace, and development; and

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29 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is the story of ordinary women as
30 makers of history and it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to
31 participate in society on an equal footing with men; and

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33 WHEREAS, in ancient Greece, Lysistrata initiated a sexual strike
34 against men in order to end war, and during the French Revolution, Parisian
35 women calling for "liberty, equality, fraternity" marched on Versailles to
36 demand women's suffrage; and



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WHEREAS, the idea of an International Women’s Day first arose at the turn of the century, which in the industrialized world was a period of expansion and turbulence, booming population growth, and radical ideologies,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the House of Representatives gladly joins in the celebration of March 8 as International Women’s Day.