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114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Recognizing the significance of women in education.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ADAMS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Recognizing the significance of women in education.

Whereas in 1902, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown founded  
Palmer Memorial Institute;

Whereas Nannie Helen Burroughs founded the National  
Training School for Women and Girls in Washington,  
D.C., in 1909;

Whereas Mary McLeod Bethune founded the Daytona Edu-  
cational and Industrial School for Negro Girls, which  
later became Bethune-Cookman College;

Whereas in 1727, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Ursula  
founded Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, earning the  
distinction of being the oldest continuously operating  
school for girls;

Whereas in 1848, the Seneca Falls Convention was held in New York to gain support for education and suffrage, creating a foundation for efforts toward equal education for women;

Whereas Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman in the world to receive her medical degree in 1849;

Whereas in 1850, Lucy Sessions was the first African-American woman to obtain a college degree in the United States;

Whereas in 1860, Fanny Jackson Coppin was named principal of the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, becoming the first African-American woman to head an institution for higher learning in the United States;

Whereas in 1870, Ada Kepley became the first American woman to earn a law degree, which she earned at Northwestern School of Law;

Whereas in 1871, Harriette Cooke became the first woman college professor in the United States appointed full professor with a salary equal to her male peers;

Whereas in 1877, Helen Magill White became the first American woman to earn a Ph.D., which she earned at Boston University;

Whereas in 1949, Ana G. Méndez founded the Ana G. Méndez University System in Puerto Rico;

Whereas in 1955, Willa B. Player became the first woman president of Bennett College for Women; and

Whereas in 1962, Martha Bernal became the first Latina to earn a Ph.D. in psychology in the United States from Indiana University, Bloomington: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) recognizes the significance of women in edu-  
3       cation and acknowledge their contributions to ad-  
4       vancing the rights of women and recognizes the sig-  
5       nificance of women in education to dismantling bar-  
6       riers to ethnic, racial, and gender equality in the  
7       United States;

8           (2) recognizes that ethnic, racial, and gender  
9       diversity of the United States enriches and strength-  
10      ens the Nation; and

11          (3) encourages all States to include in their  
12      year-round educational curriculum the history and  
13      contributions of women in education to their respec-  
14      tive States, and the Nation as a whole.