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COMMEMORATING the 77th Anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the American Armed Forces, so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, 77 years ago, on June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 (P.L. 625-80th Congress); this law insured that women would have a permanent place in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, For decades, women veterans served their country with honor and valor and excelled in all levels of the military through their demonstrated military capabilities; their distinguished role in the defense of our country is recognized and commended; and

WHEREAS, The armed forces have nurtured a spirit of integrity, service and respect that passes on into civilian life; the unification of women into the armed forces goes to further the basic tenets of these three principles and serves as an example to future generations of the strength that lies in working together for a common good; and

WHEREAS, Through its avowed commitment to those who have served in the cause of America's Freedom, the 77th Anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 does so unselfishly advance that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the bravery, patriotism and sacrifice made by women, both those still living and those who have died in service to our great country; and to most proudly commemorate the 77th Anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, which later came to be known as Women's Veterans Recognition Day, fully confident that such procedure mirrors our shared commitment to preserve, to ensure and to yet effect that patrimony of freedom which is our American heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to the Truman Library Institute.