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CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE WOMEN

March is National Women In History Month. To celebrate Louisiana women, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus will sponsor "Changing the Image of Louisiana Politics", a conference to bring all elected women together.

The conference, which will be held in Baton Rouge at the Old State Capitol and Sheraton Convention Center Hotel will begin on Sunday, March 9 and conclude on Monday, March 10.

Women's Caucus Chairman, state Rep. Diane Winston said the conference will offer "meaningful dialogue with engaging topics, interesting exhibits, and extraordinary networking."

Governor Mike Foster and Baton Rouge Mayor Bobby Simpson have been invited to address the group.

Sessions include a panel discussion with gubernatorial candidates. The topic is "What Role Will Women Play in Your Administration?". The caucus will also hold a women's fitness walk to bring awareness to women's health issues.

On Sunday night a forum entitled "Breaking the Glass in Politics" will be highlighted by a presentation of the results of a poll commissioned by the Women's Caucus. The poll asks Louisiana citizens to identify what attributes women candidates should have to earn

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their votes. This session will be held in the Ascension Room of the Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, 102 France Street, and is open to the public. Session cost, which includes a reception, is \$20. Reservations should be made by calling the Caucus Office at (225) 342-0334.

A luncheon on Monday will showcase the presentation of the first annual Lifetime Achievement Award in Louisiana Government and Politics to former Congresswoman and Ambassador Lindy Boggs.

Two hundred state and local elected Louisiana women are expected to attend.

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