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Representative Snodgrass Removed Name from Women's Month Resolution Over Republican Legislator's Anti-Transgender Remarks

Madison - Representative Snodgrass requested removal of her name from a bi-partisan Assembly Resolution honoring Women's Month after a transphobic social media post from the resolutions author, Representative Barb Dittrich, was posted on International Women's Day.

The Tweet posted by Representative Barb Dittrich stated "Science tells us that women sport two X chromosomes. Today we celebrate these individuals and their boundless accomplishments leading to a brighter future. Happy #InternationalWomensDay!" After seeing the Tweet, Representative Snodgrass removed her name from the resolution on March 9. Today, during the Assembly session, Representative Dittrich once again expressed divisive, inflammatory, transphobic sentiments in her speech on the Women's History Resolution.

Representative Snodgrass released the following statement in response.

"International Women's' Day and Women's History month are opportunities for us to uplift and celebrate the accomplishments of all women in our community. Instead of coalescing around a moment of shared admiration and unity, Representative Dittrich chose to double down on her snide remarks toward the transgender community.

"The hateful rhetoric spewed on the Assembly Floor today was unacceptable and a total distraction from what Women's History Month means. I asked to have my name removed from her Women's History Month resolution because she does not get the benefit of my association or good reputation on her resolution. As a staunch supporter of the achievement of all women, including transgender women who have made significant achievements and contributions to our community, often in the face of transphobic hate and attacks, I will always call out individuals who intentionally use their platform for harm. I am grateful my Democratic Assembly colleagues joined me today in removing their names as well.

"Rep. Dittrich repeatedly seeks out moments to sow division and hate instead of addressing the real issues impacting Wisconsinites like lack of affordable healthcare, access to child care, and



the mental health crisis. Indeed, her terrible remarks today and in the past are harmful to the health and wellbeing of many Wisconsinites and those who love them."

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