
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE
EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM TO SECURE A
PERMANENT HOME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

1 WHEREAS, in 1987, the United States Congress declared March
2 as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important role
3 women have played in shaping America; and
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5 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the
6 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are
7 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and
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9 WHEREAS, only ten percent of the people identified in a
10 recent survey of eighteen history textbooks were women; and
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12 WHEREAS, in 1999, The President's Commission on the
13 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's
14 history museum to be established on the National Mall in
15 Washington, D.C.; and
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17 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum, founded in
18 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution
19 dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the
20 diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the
21 heritage of women fully into this nation's history; and
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23 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum seeks a site
24 on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the
25 White House and United States Capitol Building; and
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27 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum has identified
28 federally owned property for sale near the National Mall; and
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30 WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in the United
31 States Congress seeking authorization for the National Women's
32 History Museum to purchase this property at fair market value
33 with privately raised funds; and
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1 WHEREAS, no federal funds are being requested for the
2 purchase of this property; and
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4 WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage
5 stamps, buildings, and many other important issues and people of
6 interest, but there is not a museum dedicated solely to women,
7 who comprise fifty-one percent of the nation's population; and
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9 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum will showcase
10 the full history of women in the United States and the
11 contributions they have made and continue to make in the
12 marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment,
13 education, home, and community; and
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15 WHEREAS, a coalition of forty-three women's organizations
16 representing 8 million women, which includes the National
17 Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc., supports the efforts of
18 the National Women's History Museum to establish a permanent
19 residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location
20 for museums to be situated in the nation's capital; now,
21 therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2012, that Hawaii's Congressional delegation is requested to
26 support the efforts of the National Women's History Museum to
27 secure a permanent home in the nation's capital for a museum
28 that will highlight the important role women have played in
29 shaping this great nation; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation,
33 the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National
34 Women's History Museum, and the President and Chief Executive
35 Officer of the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.
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