
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO MAINTAIN
THE ORIGINAL TIMELINE TO INTRODUCE HARRIET TUBMAN AND OTHER
FEMALE AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS ONTO UNITED STATES CURRENCY
BY 2020 TO CELEBRATE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

1 WHEREAS, throughout United States history, women and
2 persons of color have played instrumental roles in the
3 advancement of human and civil rights for all Americans, as well
4 as in the formation of a more perfect union; and
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6 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman was born into slavery, spent the
7 bulk of her life as a leading abolitionist advocate and
8 suffragist, and also served as a spy for the Union during the
9 American Civil War; and
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11 WHEREAS, in April 2016, Secretary of the Treasury Jacob L.
12 Lew announced that with the input of more than one million
13 Americans, the \$20, \$10, and \$5 notes would be updated to
14 include Harriet Tubman, along with other suffrage and civil
15 rights leaders; and
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17 WHEREAS, the centennial anniversary of Women's Suffrage is
18 to be celebrated in the year 2020; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve periodically redesigns United
21 States currency to stay ahead of counterfeiting threats and keep
22 counterfeiting levels low; and
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24 WHEREAS, as defined by the United States Department of the
25 Treasury, the criteria for representation on a United States
26 bank note is that the portraits on our currency notes shall be
27 of deceased persons whose places in history the American people
28 know well; and



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1 WHEREAS, one of the functions of United States banknotes is
2 to celebrate the history of the United States of America; and
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4 WHEREAS, United States banknotes are internationally
5 distributed and send a message at home and abroad about what and
6 whom we value as a nation; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
10 2019, the Senate concurring, that the United States Treasury is
11 urged to expedite the process of designing the new \$5, \$10, and
12 \$20 banknotes, fulfilling the commitment made in 2016 to
13 introduce Harriet Tubman and other female and civil rights
14 leaders onto United States currency by 2020; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Bureau of
17 Engraving and Printing and the Federal Reserve should be
18 authorized to continue to work on the designs of the new
19 currencies with an aim of unveiling them to the American people
20 and the world during the centennial year of women's suffrage in
21 2020; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementation of the new
24 Federal Reserve notes, as a statement of our American values,
25 should be streamlined to allow for the introduction into public
26 use within the next decade; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
30 United States, United States Secretary of the Treasury, Director
31 of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Chair of the Federal
32 Reserve, and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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