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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/17/12

FURTHER: RULES

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/2/12  
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DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 2-7-12

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

**SJR 11-NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM**

Urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to support efforts by the National Women's History Museum to secure property in Washington, D.C., near the National Mall, as a permanent location for the National Women's History Museum.

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Albert Kookesh</i>	Kookesh	X			
<i>Joe Paskvan</i>	PASKVAN	X			
<i>K. Meyer</i>	Meyer	X			
<i>Giessel</i>	Giessel	X			
CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	Wielechowski	X			

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SJR 11  
Fiscal Note Number 1  
(S) Publish Date 2/8/12

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
Title SJR 11 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Senator Davis  
Requester (S) State Affairs OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required,  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

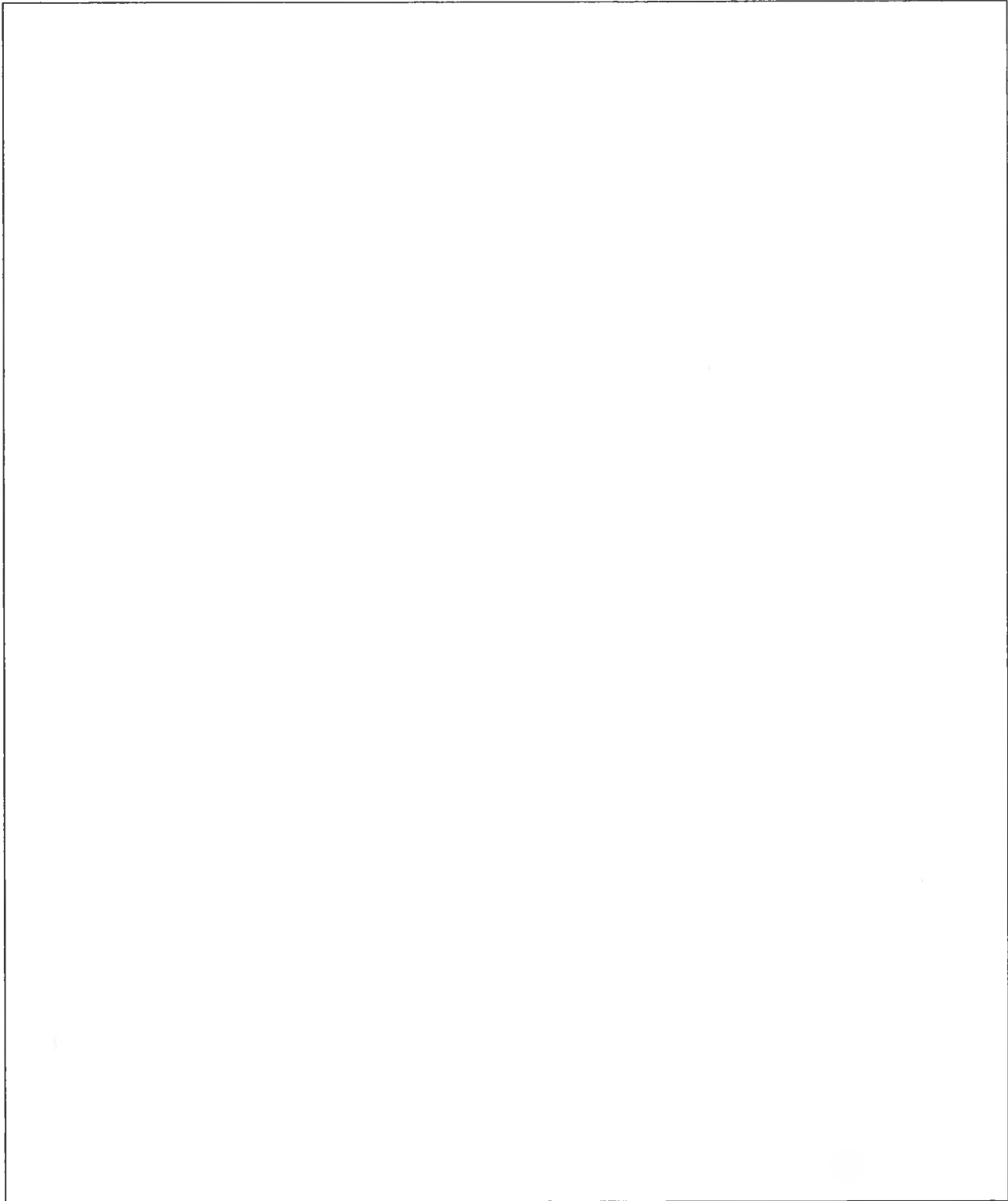
Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Prepared by (S) State Affairs  
Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by /s/ Senator Wielechowski, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone 465-2435  
Date/Time 2/7/12 12:00 AM  
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**Analysis**



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Senator Bettye Davis

Date: February 1, 2012

To: Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Chair, State Affairs

From: Senator Bettye Davis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettye Davis".

RE: **Request for SJR11 "National Women's History Museum location acquisition" to be heard in the State Affairs Committee**

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Senator Wielechowski,

You currently have in your possession SJR11 – **"Urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to support efforts by the National Women's History Museum to secure property in Washington, D.C., near the National Mall, as a permanent location for the National Women's History Museum."** I am requesting that SJR11 be heard in the State Affairs Committee as soon as possible and have included the resolution packet.

SJR11 urges Alaska's Congressional delegation to support legislation pending in Congress that allows a parcel of property near Washington D.C.'s National Mall to be purchased by the National Women's History Museum Institution for the permanent site of the National Women's History Museum building. Since its founding in 1996, the National Women's History Museum Institution has been working toward obtaining a permanent site near the National Mall for its building. Too often women were unsung heroes and their contributions went unnoticed. The displacement of women's history from the consciousness of the general public is indicated by the absence of women's history from K-12 curriculum. The achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was and is as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. The construction of a National Women's History Museum building among those on the National Mall would help bring to light an integral and transformative aspect of our nation's history that has for too long been obscured.

Thanks in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Hodge at 465-5194.

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## Senator Betty Davis

**SJR 11 "Urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to support efforts by the National Women's History Museum to secure property in Washington, D.C., near the National Mall, as a permanent location for the National Women's History Museum."**

### Sponsor Statement

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 11 urges members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to support efforts by the National Women's History Museum to secure property in Washington DC near the National Mall as a permanent location for the National Women's History Museum.

Women played and continue to play essential roles in many movements that helped shape the society we value so highly today. Such movements include the Labor Movement, the Women's Suffrage Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Women's Rights Movement, and the Environmental Movement. Women have long struggled to gain ground in a society largely dominated by men. Unfortunately, women achievements were marginalized and credit for their work and discoveries went to their male colleagues. Too often women were unsung heroes and their contributions went unnoticed. The displacement of women's history from the consciousness of the general public is indicated by the absence of women's history from K-12 curriculum. The achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was and is as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

In the 1970's, that began to change as a movement to celebrate women's history gained momentum – a momentum we now feel each March during Women's History Month as we pay tribute to the millions of women who sacrificed so much to help create a better society and world.

Since its founding in 1996, the National Women's History Museum Institution, with the support of the National Foundation for women legislators, has been working toward obtaining a permanent site near the National Mall for its building. The construction of a museum that exhibits the rich history of women and their many contributions to society is long overdue. Furthermore, a location among the prestigious museums in and around the National Mall is fitting for an institution that would depict such an integral and transformative aspect of our nation's history which has for too long been obscured.

SJR11 urges Alaska's Congressional delegation to support legislation pending in Congress that allows a parcel of property near Washington D.C.'s National Mall to be purchased by the National Women's History Museum Institution for the permanent site of the National Women's History Museum building. SJR urges our congressional delegation to support the acquisition of property by the National Women's History Museum, which would constitute an enormous step forward in the effort of bringing to light a missing piece of our nation's history.



## About NWHM

### From Our Founder

*A better world awaits the generation that absorbs what women and men have to share about life from a joint perspective. We have much to work toward... If we - and future generations - are to learn all the lessons of the past upon which to build the future, we must be aware of the true experiences and contributions of women. Clearly, men cannot get there alone. Together, all things are possible.*

Karen Staser

Founder, National Women's History Museum

### What is the National Women's History Museum?

The National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. NWHM is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Although women constitute a majority of the population, their lives, achievements, and contributions are underrepresented in museums. Recognition of the achievements made by American women will promote a better understanding of our history and culture for all who visit Washington, D.C. In 1990, The President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's history museum on the Mall in Washington, DC, and specifically cited the NWHM in that role.

### Obtaining a Permanent Site

From its founding, NWHM has worked hard towards obtaining a permanent museum site in the nation's capital on or near the National Mall. Such prestigious space requires Congressional approval. [Click here](#) to learn about the latest effort to secure a permanent home.

### Supporters

The NWHM has the support of a strong and diverse network of national organizations representing citizens throughout the country:

- The NWHM Honorary Board of Directors comprises over 200 members of the U.S. Congress and past and present members of the Cabinet.
- The NWHM has organized a National Coalition, currently numbering 38, of leading national women's service and professional organizations. Together these organizations reach over 8.5 million members.
- Dr. Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, spearheaded the NWHM national outreach campaign beginning in September 2001. In more recent years, actress Meryl Streep, who is also the national spokesperson for the Site Campaign, authored a membership appeal, and actress Laura Dern authored one. NWHM's national membership has grown rapidly and approximately 36,000 people have become Charter Members.
- Newsletter – The NWHM newsletter, *A Different Point of View*, is published quarterly and mailed to current Museum members and supporters. The newsletter provides information on past and future educational events and programs sponsored by the Museum. The publication features seasonal stories about topics in women's history and notable American women, as well as updates on the progress of the museum.



## About NWHM

### **Our Mission**

The National Women's History Museum affirms the value of knowing Women's History, illuminates the role of women in transforming society and encourages all people, women and men, to participate in democratic dialogue about our future.

### **Our First Success**

The Museum is in its infancy, but our founders have already accomplished a great deal. NWHM was the driving force behind the raising of the Woman Suffrage Statue, a monument to Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott, from the U.S. Capitol Crypt to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. For the first time in our nation's history, our foremothers are honored with our forefathers!



## Faqs - General Questions

### What is the mission of the National Women's History Museum?

The National Women's History Museum affirms the value of knowing Women's History, illuminates the role of women in transforming society and encourages all people, women and men, to participate in democratic dialogue about our future.

To do this, the Museum will research, collect and exhibit the contributions of women to the social, cultural, economic and political life of our nation in a context of world history. The museum will use innovative and engaging means including permanent and traveling exhibits, its CyberMuseum, educational programs, and outreach efforts to communicate the breath of women's experiences and accomplishments to the widest possible audience. The sharing of this knowledge will illuminate and encourage women and men, people of all classes, races and cultures to move into the future with respect, equal confidence, greater partnership, and opportunity.

### Why "women's history" - isn't it all just "history?"

Women's contributions and accomplishments for the most part have been overlooked and consequently omitted from mainstream culture. The National Women's History Museum will help fill that void. Rather than rewriting current exhibitions at other history museums or having to decide what to omit elsewhere to "fit in" women's history, the NWHM will serve to place women's history along side current historical exhibitions.

Women's history is half of our national story. The objective is to promote scholarship and expand our knowledge of American history.

### There's a great women's museum in Dallas, Texas. Do we need another? Why not just partner with the Susan B. Anthony House or another women's history site?

There's a great art museum in Philadelphia, but we still have the National Gallery of Art in DC!

Women's history is a lot more diverse than most people realize. Our museum is the only museum with the mission to reclaim women's history and create an accurate historical record which is appropriate for a national museum. Other organizations have different missions.

There is some confusion in the Washington area because there is a National Museum of Women in the Arts. Their focus is women artists; ours is women's history. It's an education process.

Think of it this way: if you went to an American history museum, you wouldn't just learn about the Revolutionary War, you'd learn all sorts of things from before and after the Declaration of Independence. It's the same thing with women's history - there's more than suffrage and the 19th Amendment.

### When was the NWHM founded?

The National Women's History Museum was founded in 1996 by Karen Staser. [Click here for a letter from our founder.](#)

### Where are you located?

The National Women's History Museum currently has administrative offices in Alexandria, VA while it works towards the goal of a permanent museum site. Staff will continue to work from this office until the museum opens.

### How can I contact you?

You can call the Museum at 703-461-1920 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m - 5 p.m. If you call outside those hours (or all our lines are busy) leave a voicemail message, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

If you prefer, you can email us at [info@nwhm.org](mailto:info@nwhm.org).

Or write to us - our mailing address is:  
National Women's History Museum  
Administrative Offices  
205 S. Whiting Street Suite 254  
Alexandria, VA 22304



## Faqs - Permanent Site

### If you don't have a building, what exactly do you do?

Even though the NWHM is still in the process of getting a permanent physical site, we've done quite a bit.

**Our first success:** NWHM raised \$85,000 and generated public support to move this monument of Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony from the U.S. Capitol Crypt to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

NWHM created a traveling exhibit, *Rights for Women*, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York. The exhibit was curated by Edith P. Mayo, Curator Emeritus, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, and displayed at the World Financial Center.

"Clandestine Women; the Untold Stories of Women in Espionage" opened in March 2002. This exhibition at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial honors all women intelligence officers who have served this country.

"Partners in Winning the War; American Women In World War II" opened in May 2004. The exhibition is a photographic tribute of posters, photographs, articles and documents that demonstrate the contributions and sacrifices of women in the effort to win the war.

On July 29th, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed [S.501](#), the National Women's History Museum Act of 2005, by unanimous consent. Senator Susan Collins introduced the bill with 20 cosponsors, including all of the female Senators. The Senate previously passed a similar bill, [S.1741](#), unanimously in 2003. Both of these bills identified the Annex of the Old Post Office Building as a permanent home for the museum. Both times the bill was referred to the House of Representatives where it never came up for a vote.

On a regular basis, NWHM adds CyberExhibits to its CyberMuseum. As of April 2009, there are 15 exhibits on various aspects of women's history and four in planning and research stages.

On March 25, 2009, Representative Carolyn Maloney introduced HR 6548 that identifies a different site at 12th Street and Independence Avenue as the museum's home.

Once we have a permanent site, we will continue to create online exhibits and programming that will be accessible from our website.

### Is the National Women's History Museum a Smithsonian museum?

We are privately funded and just happen to be in the same town as most of the Smithsonian museums. Once a physical site is established, we will apply to the Smithsonian for an affiliation. This will allow us to borrow objects from the Smithsonian's collections for use in exhibitions.



« [NWHM Celebrates Labor Day](#)  
 NWHM President & CEO, Joan Wages, Shares Comments on "The Deep Black Hole of Women's History" »

## NWHM Legislation Passes Out of House Committee

September 8th, 2011

NWHM is pleased to announce passage today of the National Women's History Museum bill in the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Next stop, the House floor.


The NWHM bill was attached to other legislation supported by Committee Chairman John Mica (R-FL) and re-introduced as HR 2844, the National Women's History Museum and Federal Facilities Consolidation and Efficiency Act of 2011. Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) is a cosponsor of the bill.

The legislative language in the new bill revises and further clarifies the boundaries of the site that NWHM will be allowed to purchase at 12th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., adjacent to the National Mall. This change eliminates any questions as to Congressional intent and will be helpful in site negotiations with the General Services Administration (GSA), the nation's landlord.


NWHM urges support for the passage of HR 2844. Please contact your Member of Congress to encourage their support for this bill. For more information on NWHM and legislation go to [www.nwhm.org](http://www.nwhm.org).

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### 2 Responses to "NWHM Legislation Passes Out of House Committee"

1.  *myra bahme* says:  
[September 8, 2011 at 1:16 pm](#)

Why not have a sample letter of support and a link from the NWHM web site to the Congressional members' e-mails? This would make it much easier for your membership to respond to your request that we contact our members of Congress in support of the bill.

2.  *Jane Prugh* says:  
[September 29, 2011 at 10:01 am](#)

What wonderful news! Let's hope we succeed this time!

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## Pamela Marsch

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**From:** Pamela Marsch  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2011 8:30 AM  
**To:** Sen. Bettye Davis  
**Subject:** Invitation - DC event with Meryl Streep

**From:** Jennifer Rosen [mailto:jennifer\_rosen@womenlegislators.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2011 5:58 AM  
**To:** Pamela Marsch  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation - DC event with Meryl Streep

Thank you! I will confirm Senator Davis on our list, we are so glad she will be able to attend! I will furnish additional details closer to the event, so please feel free to move forward in making her travel arrangements to DC, she is confirmed!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pamela Marsch [mailto:Pamela\_Marsch@legis.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2011 8:34 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Rosen  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation - DC event with Meryl Streep

Jennifer,

Senator Davis would like to request one complementary ticket for the National Women's History Museum's gala.

Thank so much for putting this together.

Pamela Marsch  
Staff for Senator Davis

On Oct 4, 2011, at 12:11 PM, "Jennifer Rosen" <jennifer\_rosen@womenlegislators.org> wrote:

> NOTE: this invitation is currently only being shared with select group of elected women who have been active within NFWL's leadership or education initiatives (limited number of tickets available).

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> National Women's History Museum Gala

> "The de Pizan Honors"

> November 16, 2011

> Washington, DC

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> October 4, 2011

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> Dear NFWL Leader,

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> The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) and the National Women's History Museum (NWHM) are hoping you will join us for the National Women's History Museum's 1052708

> This event is named for Christine de Pizan who lived in Italy in the early 1400s and was the first Western woman to write about women's impact on society and show how they were being left out of history. Now 600 years later, no country has succeeded in fulfilling her goal.

> The Museum's mission is to educate the public about women – primarily American — who have significantly shaped our world; the de Pizan Honors gala will honor female history-makers to ensure that their legacy remains alive. This year, we are paying tribute posthumously to three selected women with an award in their name presented to a contemporary counterpart.

> The contributions and life stories of the honorees will be part of a permanent exhibition within the soon-to-be-built, world-class National Women's History Museum. Legislation is pending in Congress that will provide a permanent site for the building at the National Mall alongside our nation's most iconic museums.

> NFWL has been an integral member of the National Women's History Museum's Coalition since its inception, and now Congress is on the verge of passing legislation that will provide a permanent home for the NWHM in Washington, DC, thanks to the support of our elected women nationwide who have advocated for the legislation. Over the past decade, NWHM has relied on online exhibits, temporary and special traveling exhibitions, newsletters, and speeches to accomplish its mission and communicate its message.

> Within a few short years NFWL will embark on its 75th Anniversary (originally founded in Connecticut in 1938). A large part of recognizing this milestone is seeing this process through and supporting the establishment and growth of the National Women's History Museum. In preparation, we would like you to serve as a key elected woman leader in your state to help us raise awareness about the Museum and the importance of educating our youth about ground-breaking women and their achievements. This will serve as a good issue for you to connect with your constituents, business leaders, and campaign donors on as you head into a busy election season and throughout the year.

> You make history everyday as a legislator. You connect with your constituents, respond to their needs, take on ground breaking issues, and move our country forward. It is actions like these that the NWHM honors. By attending the de Pizan Honors you will be at the forefront of this historical event. What you learn and the glass-breaking women you will meet will inspire you to carry the Museum's message back to your state.

> Though NFWL does not have funds to assist with travel expenses, we hope that you will consider coming to this powerful event to represent the women leaders in your state. We have a LIMITED number of complementary tickets for our elected women leaders, so we will need to hear from you right away if you would like to attend.

> This is an exciting time for women leaders. We hold a multitude of offices at all levels of government. Young women are attending college and earning advanced degrees at the highest rate in history and the future only looks bright for the girls and young women of tomorrow. While celebrating our current achievements and future hopes, it is important to acknowledge the accomplishments of our past. As a legislator you are at the heart of our nation's democracy. As a woman you are at the heart of our nation's society.

> I would be grateful if you would respond to Jennifer Rosen, NFWL's Director of Policy and Communications, as soon as possible to let us know if you would like to attend. Jennifer can be reached by email at [Jennifer\\_Rosen@womenlegislators.org](mailto:Jennifer_Rosen@womenlegislators.org) and by phone at 202-293-3040 ext. 1008. Thank you for your continued leadership, and I hope to see you in November in Washington, DC, with Meryl Streep!

> Sincerely,

> Robin Read

> President & CEO, NFWL

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## History of National Women's History Month

By Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director and Cofounder  
National Women's History Project



### Local Celebrations

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

The week March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. The local Women's History Week activities met with enthusiastic response, and dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week. Over one-hundred community women participated by doing special presentations in classrooms throughout the country and an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.

### Mobilizing a Movement

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor, a member of our group, was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, which was chaired by noted historian, Gerda Lerner and attended by the national leaders of organizations for women and girls. When the participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

### Presidential and Congressional Support

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

### A National Lobbying Effort

As word spread rapidly across the nation, state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective means to achieving equity goals within classrooms. Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Oregon, Alaska, and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials for all of their public schools. Organizations sponsored essay contests and other special programs in their local areas. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities were celebrating National Women's History Week, supported and encouraged by resolutions from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

Each year, the dates of National Women's History Week, (the week of March 8th) changed and every year a new lobbying effort was needed. Yearly, a national effort that included thousands of individuals and hundreds of educational and women's organizations was spearheaded by the National Women's History Project.

### **National Women's History Month**

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

### **Presidential Message 1980**

President Jimmy Carter's Message to the nation designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

*"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.*

*As Dr. Gerda Lerner has noted, "Women's History is Women's Right." - It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long-range vision."*

*I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980.*

*I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality - - Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul. Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people.*

*This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that "Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."*

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### March is National Women's History Month.

This celebration, designated by Joint Resolutions of the House and Senate and Proclamations by five American Presidents, is an opportunity to honor and celebrate women's historic achievements.

Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives testify to that theme. For 2011, the theme is Our HISTORY is Our Strength. This year, instead of recognizing national honorees, local communities, organizations and Institutions throughout the country are asked to honor women within their own communities or organizations.

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The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century.

Discovering the remarkable achievements of women helps diminish the tendency of some modern-day pundits to dismiss and trivialize who women are and what they accomplish. In celebrating women's historic achievements, we present an authentic view of history. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder, and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

What is your school, community or organization doing to celebrate National Women's History Month this March? For more information and resources to commemorate multicultural women's history and to celebrate Our HISTORY is Our Strength, visit

[WWW.NWHP.ORG](http://WWW.NWHP.ORG)

## Test Your Women's History IQ

1. Who was the U.S. Secretary of Labor who worked to secure legislation for unemployment relief, public works, Social Security, minimum wage, maximum hours and the prohibition of child labor?
2. Who organized the first pickets at the White House in 1916 and 1917 and was imprisoned and force fed?
3. Who was only 16 years old when she became one of the Little Rock Nine who integrated Central High School in 1957?
4. Who was the U.S. Congresswoman who presided over the first government sponsored National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977?
5. Who published "Silent Spring," which documented the dangers of air pollutants and pesticides on animals, people, and land?

### Answers to Women's History IQ Test:

1. Francis Perkins
2. Alice Paul
3. Minnijean Brown Trickey
4. Congresswoman Bella Abzug
5. Rachel Carson

***Our HISTORY is Our Strength***

## Learn More

### Learn more about women's history

The National Women's History Project (NWHP) web site at [WWW.NWHP.ORG](http://WWW.NWHP.ORG) provides information about women's history, Women's History Month in March, Women's Equality Day in August, and related women's history resources and materials.

Our online **Women's History Resource Catalog** features multicultural posters, books, videos, and educational materials for all ages. You will find information about women from all walks of life who have helped shape our nation.

We invite you to join the **NWHP Network** which gives you a 5% discount in our Webstore and supports our work to expand the recognition and celebration of women's accomplishments.

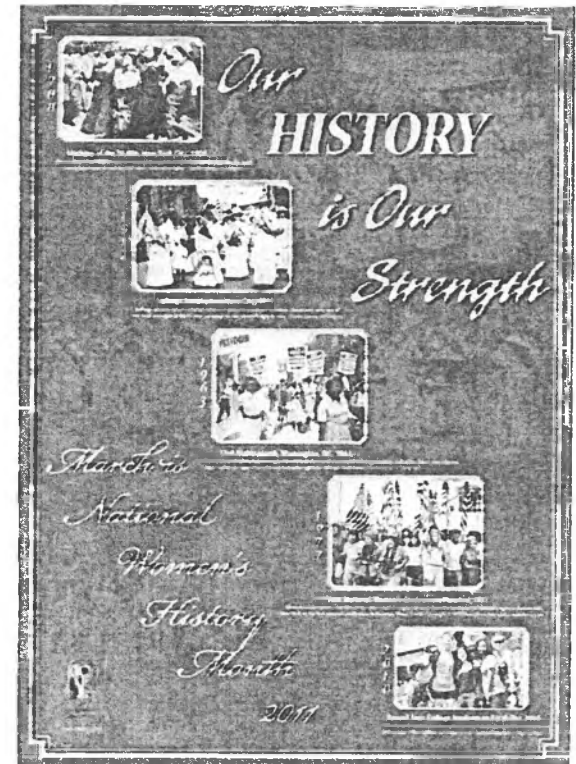
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Women have played and continue to play a crucial role in several important movements throughout U.S. history:

- \* **The Labor Movement** which began as early as 1765 when women formed the first society of working women.
- \* **The Women's Suffrage Movement** which was launched in 1848 at the first women's right conference held at Seneca Falls, NY.
- \* **The Civil Rights Movement** in which women held a variety of roles from leadership to organizers to participants.
- \* **The Women's Rights Movement** which was re-energized in the 20th Century with what is called the Second Wave.
- \* **The Environmental Movement** in which women played a key role from the early 19th century and which was officially launched on Earth Day, April 22, 1970

Here are some women who participated in these movements:

**Frances Perkins**, U.S. Secretary of Labor, began her advocacy for the labor movement when she witnessed the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in 1911. Appointed to the Cabinet in 1933, Perkins worked hard to secure legislation to enact unemployment relief, public works, Social Security, minimum wage, and the prohibition of child labor.

**Alice Paul**, represented the last generation of suffrage leaders, and brought fearlessness and tenacity to the fight for women's right to vote. She organized the first pickets at the White House in 1916 and 1917. Along with dozens of women, Paul was imprisoned, went on a hunger strike, and was force fed. After winning the vote, she worked to enact the Equal Rights Amendment.

**Minnijean Brown Trickey** was only 16 years old when she became one of the Little Rock Nine who integrated Central High School in 1957. Along with eight other African-American teenagers, she defied death threats, hostile white demonstrators, and even the Arkansas National Guard, to attend the all-white high school. **Brown-Trickey's** courage helped change the lives and education of all students throughout the country.

**Bella Abzug**, one of the most recognized and bold leaders of the 20th Century's Women's Movement, was elected to the U.S. Congress at the age of 50. She presided over the first government sponsored National Women's Conference at Houston in 1977. With great joy, Abzug took part in the last leg of the relay which had carried a torch from Seneca Falls, site of the first women's rights convention, into the stadium at Houston.

**Rachel Carson** is known as the founder of the contemporary environmental movement. In 1962, Carson published "Silent Spring," which documented the dangers of air pollutants and pesticides on animals, people, and land. Her writing boldly challenged the practices of agricultural scientists and even the government. Carson called for a change in the way humankind viewed the natural world.

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## CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SUPPORT NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTOR MUSEUM INITIATIVE

April 1, 2011



(WASHINGTON, DC) - The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) was pleased to join a bi-partisan coalition of elected women this week in the nation's capital to support the establishment of the National Women's History Museum (NWHM).

U.S. Rep. **Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY)** and U.S. Rep. **Judy Biggert (R-IL)** hosted a press event on Capitol Hill to announce the reintroduction of the National Women's History Act and show their support for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in a prominent location near The Mall in Washington, D.C. Maloney and Biggert were also joined by their colleagues, U.S. Rep. **Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)** and U.S. Rep. **J. Schakowsky (D-IL)** for the announcement.

Maloney and U.S. Senator **Susan Collins (R-ME)** reintroduced The National Women's History Museum Act in both Chambers - the House Bill is **HR 1269** and the Senate Bill is **S. 680**.

This Bill provides a permanent site for NWHM where it will house its collections and further its educational services. The location at 12th Street S.W. and Independence Avenue S.W. is across the street from several of the nation's most iconic museums, such as the National Air and Space Museum, the National American History Museum and the National Gallery of Art. It's the right place for a comprehensive museum on women's

accomplishments. The bill provides that NWHM will pay fair market value for the vacant site and will fund the construction with private funds.

"Of the 210 statues in the Capitol building, only nine are of women; of the 2400 national historic landmarks in the country, only five percent document women's accomplishments," stated Maloney. "There are museums dedicated to airplanes and buildings and postage stamps-but no single location dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of women, who are over half our country's population. We need to explain to our sons and daughters the roles that women have played in the life of our nation."

"This will be the first national museum dedicated to celebrating the unique and courageous contributions that women have made in American history," stated Biggert. "Thanks to the generous support of private contributor all across the country, this dream will come true at no cost to the American taxpayers. In fact, the Museum Foundation will pay the taxpayers fair market value for the current property - a small parking lot. They say women are more responsible when it comes to handling the household check book, and I think this project just proves that the same might be true for the national budget."

NWHM President & CEO Joan Wages said, "Washington, DC is a city of symbols and a beacon to the world. The National Women's History Museum will show that our nation honors our women. Women deserve this recognition for the many contributions they have made to the building of our country. "

**HR 1269** was introduced with 22 cosponsors: Representatives Sandy Adams (R-FL), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Karen Bass (D-CA), Judy Biggert (R-IL), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), Susan A. Davis (D-CA), Barney Frank (D-MA), Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ), Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D-IL), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Cynthia M. Lummis (R-WY), Doris O. Matsui (D-CA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), James P. Moran (D-VA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL), Jean Schmidt (R-OH), Jackie Speier (D-CA), and Fortney Pete Stark (D-CA).

**S 680** was introduced with 19 cosponsors: Senators Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Mark Begich (D-AK), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Kay Hagan (D-NC), Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Joe Lieberman (I-CT), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Patty Murray (D-WA), Mark Pryor (D-AR), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

### **Press Conference Remarks Available for Download:**

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112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 680

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2011

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. AYOTTE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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10      propriate to protect the interests of the United  
11      States and further the purposes of this Act.

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12 (B) REQUIRED TERMS.—The appraisal  
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15 of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601)) which require  
16 response action (as defined in such section).

17 (c) APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS.—The purchase  
18 price shall be paid into the Federal Buildings Fund estab-  
19 lished under section 592 of title 40, United States Code.  
20 Upon deposit, the Administrator may expend, in amounts  
21 specified in authorizations and appropriations Acts, the  
22 proceeds from the conveyance for any lawful purpose con-  
23 sistent with existing authorities granted to the Adminis-  
24 trator.

1 (d) QUIT CLAIM DEED.—The Property shall be con-  
2 veyed pursuant to a quit claim deed.

3 (e) USE RESTRICTION.—The Property shall be dedi-  
4 cated for use as a site for a national women's history mu-  
5 seum for the 99-year period beginning on the date of con-  
6 veyance to the Museum.

7 (f) FUNDING RESTRICTION.—No Federal funds shall  
8 be made available to the Museum for the purchase of the  
9 Property or the design and construction of any facility on  
10 the Property.

11 (g) REVERSION.—

12 (1) BASES FOR REVERSION.—The Property  
13 shall revert to the United States, at the option of  
14 the United States, without any obligation for repay-  
15 ment by the United States of any amount of the  
16 purchase price for the property, if—

17 (A) the Property is not used as a site for  
18 a national women's history museum at any time  
19 during the 99-year period referred to in sub-  
20 section (e); or

21 (B) the Museum has not commenced con-  
22 struction of a museum facility on the Property  
23 in the 5-year period beginning on the date of  
24 enactment of this Act, other than for reasons

1           beyond the control of the Museum as reason-  
2           ably determined by the Administrator.

3           (2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Administrator may  
4           perform any acts necessary to enforce the rever-  
5           sionary rights provided in this section.

6           (3) CUSTODY OF PROPERTY UPON REVER-  
7           SION.—If the Property reverts to the United States  
8           pursuant to this section, such property shall be  
9           under the custody and control of the Administrator.

10          (h) CLOSING.—The conveyance pursuant to this Act  
11         shall occur not later than 3 years after the date of enact-  
12         ment of this Act. The Administrator may extend that pe-  
13         riod for such time as is reasonably necessary for the Mu-  
14         seum to perform its obligations under section 4(a).

15         **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.**

16          (a) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR ENVIRON-  
17         MENTAL RESPONSE ACTIONS.—The Administrator is au-  
18         thorized to contract with the Museum or an affiliate there-  
19         of for the performance (on behalf of the Administrator)  
20         of response actions on the Property.

21          (b) CREDITING OF RESPONSE COSTS.—Any costs in-  
22         curred by the Museum or an affiliate thereof pursuant to  
23         subsection (a) shall be credited to the purchase price for  
24         the Property.

1 (c) NO EFFECT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRON-  
2 MENTAL LAWS.—Nothing in this Act, or any amendment  
3 made by this Act, affects or limits the application of or  
4 obligation to comply with any environmental law, including  
5 section 120(h) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

6 **SEC. 5. INCIDENTAL COSTS.**

7 Subject to section 4, the Museum shall bear any and  
8 all costs associated with complying with the provisions of  
9 this Act, including studies and reports, surveys, relocating  
10 tenants, and mitigating impacts to existing Federal build-  
11 ings and structures resulting directly from the develop-  
12 ment of the property by the Museum.

13 **SEC. 6. LAND USE APPROVALS.**

14 (a) EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this Act  
15 shall be construed as limiting or affecting the authority  
16 or responsibilities of the National Capital Planning Com-  
17 mission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

18 (b) COOPERATION.—

19 (1) ZONING AND LAND USE.—Subject to para-  
20 graph (2), the Administrator shall reasonably co-  
21 operate with the Museum with respect to any zoning  
22 or other land use matter relating to development of  
23 the Property in accordance with this Act. Such co-  
24 operation shall include consenting to applications by

1 the Museum for applicable zoning and permitting  
2 with respect to the property.

3 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The Administrator shall not  
4 be required to incur any costs with respect to co-  
5 operation under this subsection and any consent pro-  
6 vided under this subsection shall be premised on the  
7 property being developed and operated in accordance  
8 with this Act.

9 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, and annually thereafter until the end of the  
12 5-year period following conveyance of the Property or until  
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14 is later), the Museum shall submit annual reports to the  
15 Administrator and the Committees detailing the develop-  
16 ment and construction activities of the Museum with re-  
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112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1269

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21 specified in authorizations and appropriations acts, the  
22 proceeds from the conveyance for any lawful purpose con-  
23 sistent with existing authorities granted to the Adminis-  
24 trator.

1 (d) QUIT CLAIM DEED.—The Property shall be con-  
2 veyed pursuant to a quit claim deed.

3 (e) USE RESTRICTION.—The Property shall be dedi-  
4 cated for use as a site for a national women's history mu-  
5 seum for the 99-year period beginning on the date of con-  
6 veyance to the Museum.

7 (f) FUNDING RESTRICTION.—No Federal funds shall  
8 be made available to the Museum for the purchase of the  
9 Property or the design and construction of any facility on  
10 the Property.

11 (g) REVERSION.—

12 (1) BASES FOR REVERSION.—The Property  
13 shall revert to the United States, at the option of  
14 the United States, without any obligation for repay-  
15 ment by the United States of any amount of the  
16 purchase price for the property, if—

17 (A) the Property is not used as a site for  
18 a national women's history museum at any time  
19 during the 99-year period referred to in sub-  
20 section (e); or

21 (B) the Museum has not commenced con-  
22 struction of a museum facility on the Property  
23 in the 5-year period beginning on the date of  
24 enactment of this Act, other than for reasons

1           beyond the control of the Museum as reason-  
2           ably determined by the Administrator.

3           (2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Administrator may  
4           perform any acts necessary to enforce the rever-  
5           sionary rights provided in this section.

6           (3) CUSTODY OF PROPERTY UPON REVER-  
7           SION.—If the Property reverts to the United States  
8           pursuant to this section, such property shall be  
9           under the custody and control of the Administrator.

10          (h) CLOSING.—The conveyance pursuant to this Act  
11         shall occur not later than 3 years after the date of enact-  
12         ment of this Act. The Administrator may extend that pe-  
13         riod for such time as is reasonably necessary for the Mu-  
14         seum to perform its obligations under section 4(a).

15         **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.**

16          (a) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR ENVIRON-  
17         MENTAL RESPONSE ACTIONS.—The Administrator is au-  
18         thorized to contract with the Museum or an affiliate there-  
19         of for the performance (on behalf of the Administrator)  
20         of response actions on the Property.

21          (b) CREDITING OF RESPONSE COSTS.—Any costs in-  
22         curred by the Museum or an affiliate thereof pursuant to  
23         subsection (a) shall be credited to the purchase price for  
24         the Property.

1 (c) NO EFFECT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRON-  
2 MENTAL LAWS.—Nothing in this Act, or any amendment  
3 made by this Act, affects or limits the application of or  
4 obligation to comply with any environmental law, including  
5 section 120(h) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

6 **SEC. 5. INCIDENTAL COSTS.**

7 Subject to section 4, the Museum shall bear any and  
8 all costs associated with complying with the provisions of  
9 this Act, including studies and reports, surveys, relocating  
10 tenants, and mitigating impacts to existing Federal build-  
11 ings and structures resulting directly from the develop-  
12 ment of the property by the Museum.

13 **SEC. 6. LAND USE APPROVALS.**

14 (a) EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this Act  
15 shall be construed as limiting or affecting the authority  
16 or responsibilities of the National Capital Planning Com-  
17 mission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

18 (b) COOPERATION.—

19 (1) ZONING AND LAND USE.—Subject to para-  
20 graph (2), the Administrator shall reasonably co-  
21 operate with the Museum with respect to any zoning  
22 or other land use matter relating to development of  
23 the Property in accordance with this Act. Such co-  
24 operation shall include consenting to applications by

1 the Museum for applicable zoning and permitting  
2 with respect to the property.

3 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The Administrator shall not  
4 be required to incur any costs with respect to co-  
5 operation under this subsection and any consent pro-  
6 vided under this subsection shall be premised on the  
7 property being developed and operated in accordance  
8 with this Act.

9 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, and annually thereafter until the end of the  
12 5-year period following conveyance of the Property or until  
13 substantial completion of the museum facility (whichever  
14 is later), the Museum shall submit annual reports to the  
15 Administrator and the Committees detailing the develop-  
16 ment and construction activities of the Museum with re-  
17 spect to this Act.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

Offered January 11, 2012

Prefiled January 10, 2012

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to support the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.

Patron—Comstock

Committee Referral Pending

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March to serve as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the nation's population, their achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

WHEREAS, only 10 percent of the people identified in a recent survey of 18 history textbooks were women; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, The President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's history museum to be established on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and U.S. Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM has identified federally owned property for sale near the National Mall; and

WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to be able to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised funds and no federal funds are being requested for the purchase of this land; and

WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many other important people and issues of interest but not to women, and yet women comprise 51 percent of the nation's population; and

WHEREAS, the NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of 43 women's organizations representing eight million women, which includes the National Foundation for Women Legislators, supports the efforts of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to be situated in the nation's capital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to support the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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**South Carolina General Assembly**

119th Session, 2011-2012

**H. 4183**

House Resolution

Adopted by the House on May 5, 2011

**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D. C., IN ORDER TO SECURE A PERMANENT HOME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL THAT WILL HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE WOMEN HAVE PLAYED IN SHAPING THIS GREAT NATION.

Whereas, in 1987, Congress declared March to serve as "Women's History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping the United States of America; and

Whereas, although women constitute a majority of the nation's population, their achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

Whereas, only ten percent of the people identified in a recent survey of eighteen history textbooks were women; and

Whereas, in 1999, The President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's history museum to be established on "The National Mall" in Washington, D. C.; and

Whereas, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a non-partisan, non-profit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the heritage of women fully into the nation's history; and

Whereas, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and the United States Capitol Building; and

Whereas, the NWHM has identified a vacant lot that is a federally owned property for sale near the National Mall, located at 12th Street and Independence Avenue S. W.; and

Whereas, legislation is currently pending in Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to be able to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised funds, and no federal funds are being requested for the purchase of this land; and

Whereas, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many other important people and issues of interest but not to women, yet women comprise fifty-three percent of the nation's population; and

Whereas, the NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

Whereas, representing eight million women, a coalition of forty women's organizations which includes the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports the efforts of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to be situated in the nation's capital. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, support the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D. C., in order to secure a permanent home in the nation's capital that will highlight the important role women have played in shaping this great nation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Introduced By: Senators Lanzi, Paiva Weed, Lynch, Crowley, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: January 17, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, In 1987, Congress declared March as "Women's History Month" in  
2 acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

3           WHEREAS, Although women constitute a majority of the nation's population, their  
4 achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

5           WHEREAS, In a recent survey of eighteen history books, only 10 percent of the people  
6 identified were women; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in  
8 American History called for a women's history museum to be established on the National Mall in  
9 Washington, D.C.; and

10           WHEREAS, The National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a  
11 nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and  
12 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and fully integrating the heritage of  
13 women into this nation's history; and

14           WHEREAS, The NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close  
15 proximity to the White House and United States Capitol; and

16           WHEREAS, The NWHM has identified federally-owned property for sale near the  
17 National Mall; and

18           WHEREAS, Legislation is currently pending in Congress seeking authorization for the  
19 NWHM to be able to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised funds. No

1 federal funds are being requested for the purchase of this land; and

2 WHEREAS, There are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many  
3 other important people and issues, but not to women, and yet women comprise 51 percent of the  
4 nation's population; and

5 WHEREAS, The NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States  
6 and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences,  
7 government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

8 WHEREAS, A coalition of 43 women's organizations representing 8 million women,  
9 which includes the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts of  
10 the NWHM to establish a permanent residence on the National Mall, the most prominent location  
11 for museums to be situated in the nation's capital; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby respectfully urges the esteemed members of the United States House of Representatives  
14 and the United States Senate to support the NWHM's efforts to secure a permanent home on or  
15 close to the National Mall for a museum that will highlight the important role women have played  
16 in shaping this great nation; and be further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the National Foundation for Women Legislators  
19 and the entire Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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