

Rep. Waters offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 287.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth for display in our nation's capitol.

Whereas, Sojourner Truth was a towering figure among the founders of the movement for women's suffrage in the United States, and no monument that does not include her can accurately represent this important development in our nation's history; and

Whereas, The statue known as the Portrait Monument was presented to Congress in 1920 to mark the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. It is located in the rotunda of our nation's capitol and portrays several early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's contemporaries. The Portrait Monument, however, does not include Sojourner Truth, the only African American among this group of pioneers; and

Whereas, On December 19, 2005, the United States House of Representatives passed a bill, H.R. 4510, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in our nation's capitol; and

Whereas, Under this legislation, the depiction of Sojourner Truth is to be displayed not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the act. The Joint Committee on the Library shall accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth, subject to such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers appropriate; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth for display in a suitable location in our nation's capitol; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.