

SR-157, As Adopted by Senate, March 12, 2008

Senator Scott offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 157.

A resolution offering support for establishing a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.

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

Whereas, Only 3 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 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 United States Senate voted unanimously in favor of S. 501, the National Women's History Museum Act of 2005, a bill that directs the General Services Administration to enter into a long-term lease with the NWHM for federal property that has been vacant since 1992; 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 33 women's organizations representing 8 million women, which includes the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence on the National Mall, the most prominent location for museums to be situated in the nation's capital; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby ask the esteemed members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the citizens of Michigan to support the NWHM's efforts to secure a permanent home on or close to the National Mall for a museum that will highlight the important role women have played in shaping this great nation; and be further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the National Foundation for Women Legislators and the entire coalition of women's organizations supporting the efforts of the National Women's History Museum to establish a permanent residence on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.