



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: From the time of its 1921 presentation to Congress by the National Women's Party, to celebrate passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, the statue of three famous suffragettes, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, has rested in various obscure locations in the basement of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS: As a result of a vote of Congress last year, the statue will now be moved to the main Statuary Hall in the Rotunda on the first floor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking the United States Congress for moving the statue commemorating the suffragists and honoring the passage of the 19th Amendment to a prominent location; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

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Resolved: SEC to ^{the} ~~the~~ Massachusetts Congressional Delegate on behalf of the entire C-G

Statue of suffragettes to emerge from 'crypt'

Women's rights activists finally won a battle to move a statue of three famous suffragettes – Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton – from an obscure spot in the basement of the Capitol to a prominent place in the Rotunda on the first floor. The Italian marble statue has not had a great history. After the National Women's Party presented it to Congress in 1921 to celebrate passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, the statue was banished to a basement broom closet.

In 1963, it was moved to the Capitol crypt, a basement passageway. Last year, Congress voted to move it to the main Statuary Hall, where none of the 11 busts and statues portrays a woman. To make room for the ladies, someone had to go. The smallest state, Rhode Island, lost out. The statue of Rhode Island founder Roger Williams got the boot. But Mr. Williams is not destined for the crypt. He is heading upstairs to a spot outside the office of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

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Consent Order #27

Entire
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Councillor Triantafillou re: Thanks
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ORDER ADOPTED