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H. CON. RES. 128

To establish a Commission on Women's Art in the United States Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a Commission on Women's Art in the United States Capitol.

Whereas, in 1995, the United States marked the 75th anniversary of the right of women to participate in Government through suffrage;

Whereas this right was established by the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas art and the depiction of life in the United States Capitol is an important way to honor and revere the contributions of persons who have contributed to the history of the United States; and

Whereas the contributions of women in the history of the United States, including the current century, are

underrepresented in the art and the depiction of life in the United States Capitol: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—There is
5 established a Commission on Women’s Art in the United
6 States Capitol (hereinafter referred to as the “Commis-
7 sion”) to be composed of—

8 (1) three Senators appointed by the Majority
9 Leader of the Senate—

10 (A) two of whom shall be members of the
11 majority party and one of whom shall be a
12 member of the minority party, and

13 (B) two of whom shall be women;

14 (2) three Members of the House of Representa-
15 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives—

17 (A) two of whom shall be members of the
18 majority party and one of whom shall be a
19 member of the minority party, and

20 (B) two of whom shall be women; and

21 (3) five private citizens interested in and knowl-
22 edgeable about the arts appointed by the Majority
23 Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
24 of Representatives—

1 (A) one of whom shall be a representative
2 from the United States Capitol Historical Soci-
3 ety,

4 (B) one of whom shall be a representative
5 from the National Women's Party Sewall-Bel-
6 mont House Museum, and

7 (C) one of whom shall be a representative
8 from the National Museum of Women in the
9 Arts.

10 (b) COMPLETION OF APPOINTMENTS.—Not later
11 than 60 days after the date of the adoption of this resolu-
12 tion, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker
13 of the House of Representatives shall appoint members of
14 the Commission pursuant to subsection (a).

15 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the Commis-
16 sion for the first 12 months of operation of the Commis-
17 sion shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives from the individuals appointed under sub-
19 section (a)(2). The chairperson of the Commission for the
20 remainder of the period of operation of the Commission
21 shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate
22 from among the individuals appointed under subsection
23 (a)(1).

1 (d) MAJORITY VOTE.—No recommendation shall be
2 made by the Commission except upon a majority vote of
3 the members.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF WOMEN'S ART IN THE UNITED STATES**
5 **CAPITOL.**

6 The Commission shall conduct a comprehensive study
7 of matters relating to the representation of women in his-
8 tory (including the current century) in the United States
9 Capitol.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION.**

11 The Commission is authorized to—

12 (1) sit and act at such places and times within
13 the United States during the sessions, recesses, and
14 adjourned periods of Congress; and

15 (2) require the attendance of such witnesses
16 and the production of such books, papers, and docu-
17 ments; administer such oaths; take such testimony;
18 and procure such printing and binding as it consid-
19 ers necessary.

20 **SEC. 4. STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

21 (a) APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF STAFF.—
22 The Commission may appoint and fix the compensation
23 of such staff as it considers necessary and shall use exist-
24 ing staff to the extent possible.

1 (b) SERVICES OF OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ENTI-
2 TIES.—The Commission may use such voluntary and un-
3 compensated services as it considers necessary and may
4 use the services, information, facilities, and personnel of
5 the General Accounting Office, the Congressional Budget
6 Office, the Congressional Research Service of the Library
7 of Congress, and other entities of the legislative branch.

8 (c) TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES.—The members
9 of the Commission who are appointed under subsection
10 (a)(3) shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and
11 other necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
12 ance of the duties vested in the Commission.

13 **SEC. 5. EXPENSES.**

14 Notwithstanding any law, rule, or other authority,
15 there shall be paid from the applicable accounts of the
16 House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary
17 for one-half of the expenses of the Commission. Such pay-
18 ments shall be made on vouchers signed by the House of
19 Representatives chairperson of the Commission and ap-
20 proved in the manner directed by the Committee on House
21 Oversight of the House of Representatives. Amounts made
22 available under this section shall be expended in accord-
23 ance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on
24 House Oversight of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 6. REPORTS.**

2 (a) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 12 months
3 after the date of the adoption this resolution, the Commis-
4 sion shall submit to Congress an interim report.

5 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after
6 the date of the adoption this resolution, the Commission
7 shall submit to Congress a final report containing a de-
8 tailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the
9 Commission.

10 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.**

11 The Commission shall cease to exist 60 days after
12 the date of the submission of its final report under section
13 6(b).

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