

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5679

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2002

Mr. OWENS (for himself, Ms. WATSON of California, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds as follows:

5               (1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure  
6       among the founders of the movement for women's  
7       suffrage in the United States, and no monument

1 that does not include her can accurately represent  
2 this important development in our Nation's history.

3 (2) The statue known as the Portrait Monu-  
4 ment, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in  
5 honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment  
6 guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently  
7 exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays sev-  
8 eral early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's  
9 contemporaries but not Sojourner Truth herself, the  
10 only African American among the group.

11 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STATUE.**

12 Not later than the final day on which the One Hun-  
13 dred Eighth Congress is in session, the Architect of the  
14 Capitol shall enter into a contract to revise the statue com-  
15 memorating women's suffrage located in the rotunda of  
16 the United States Capitol (commonly known as the "Por-  
17 trait Monument") to include a likeness of Sojourner  
18 Truth.

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