

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 601

To direct the Architect of the Capitol to enter into a contract to revise the statue commemorating women's suffrage located in the rotunda of the United States Capitol to include a likeness of Sojourner Truth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 Ninth 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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