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AN ACT

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the Capitol.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure among the founders of the movement for women's suffrage in the United States, and no monument that does not include her can accurately represent this important development in our Nation's history.

(2) The statue known as the Portrait Monument, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays several early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's contemporaries but not Sojourner Truth herself, the only African American among the group.

SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE AND DISPLAY OF BUST OF SOJOURNER TRUTH IN CAPITOL.

(a) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF BUST.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee on the Library shall accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth, subject to such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers appropriate.

(b) DISPLAY.—The Joint Committee shall place the bust accepted under subsection (a) in a suitable permanent location in the Capitol.

Passed the House of Representatives December 19 (legislative day, December 18), 2005.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.