

Madam Speaker, this is a proud day for this institution. We can support this bill. We can send it to the Senate and look forward to the day when we join Congresswoman MALONEY in walking through the doors of the women's history museum.

Madam Speaker, I urge that we support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1980, the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act.

On March 31, 1776, future First Lady Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, John Adams, urging him and the other members of the Continental Congress to "remember the ladies" when fighting for America's independence from Great Britain and drafting a new form of government.

Unfortunately, despite this nation's great history, we were slow to take Abigail Adams' advice to heart. It took 144 years to grant women the right to vote, an historic event I talked about a week ago in a floor speech commemorating the 100th anniversary of New Jersey's ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Even this Congress has downplayed the contributions of women in history as evidenced by the treatment of Portrait Monument, the statue in the Capitol of the three greatest leaders of the suffrage movement, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

The Portrait Monument was unveiled with great fanfare in 1921 shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, but for decades it was relegated to an isolated area of the Crypt without a plaque explaining the contributions of the three women or a description of the female artist who sculpted it.

For decades, Congress cited the cost of moving the statue as reason enough for keeping it in the Crypt. In the 1990s, the sponsor of today's bill, Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY of New York, led an effort to raise the funds to move the statue upstairs to the Rotunda. It was not until 1997 that the statue was moved to its current place of honor.

That date is significant for our purposes today. Susan Whiting, the chairman of the board for the National Women's History Museum organization has stated that "[The statue] was the beginning of the entire process of eventually building a museum."

It's been a long road since 1997 to build a Women's History Museum but passing this bill today will be one giant step closer to our goal.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1980, the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act. This legislation will authorize the Smithsonian Institution to establish a Women's History Museum, which will be located alongside our existing Smithsonian museums in our nation's capital.

The contributions by women to the history and advancements of the United States are historic and consequential. Women have always served this nation, from nurses in the Revolutionary War to the ceaseless quest today for equal pay, civil liberties, and equal access to health care.

I am particularly determined to ensure that the contributions and perspectives of women of color are reflected in this proposed institution, as our country must demonstrate their historic and unquestionable significance. The

creation of the Smithsonian Women's History Museum will allow all people in this nation and the world to better recognize and appreciate the significant contributions women have made throughout history.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to pass the Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act unanimously and immediately.

First, I congratulate my friend and colleague, Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, on her decades of hard and successful work making the case for a women's museum.

Women are underrepresented in our nation's historical accounts, monuments, memorials, and museums.

Our past, present and as of now, our future are all marked by the absence of women's stories.

From Native American women and early pilgrims; to Abigail Adams when she wrote to her husband to "remember the ladies"; to the suffrage movement; to the one thousand, one hundred, and two Women Airforce Service Pilots that revived our World War II effort; to Rosa Parks to Title Nine.

And I could go on and on and on. Clearly, women have transformed the history of our country.

But the story of American women is not just in the historical moments. It is also the contributions of women in every aspect of our society.

There is a missing contextualization of the enormous impact that women have had in film, literature, science, government, education, culture, sports, and more.

We have the opportunity to tell the full story, so why are we only telling half of our history?

With these contributions showcased in a museum, we will no longer ask—Why don't we have a woman's National Museum?

But instead, we will celebrate how fitting it is for every girl and every woman to identify with our country's past and want to play a significant role in our future.

You can't be what you can't see. Frankly, I cannot believe that this museum does not already exist.

I urge my colleagues to vote for the passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1980, as amended.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LESKO. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 844;

Adoption of House Resolution 844, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1980.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2546, COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 79, REMOVING DEADLINE FOR RATIFICATION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 844) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 186, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 57]
YEAS—222

Adams	Costa	Golden
Aguilar	Courtney	Gomez
Allred	Cox (CA)	Gonzalez (TX)
Axne	Craig	Gottheimer
Barragan	Crist	Green, Al (TX)
Beatty	Crow	Grijalva
Bera	Cuellar	Haaland
Beyer	Cunningham	Harder (CA)
Bishop (GA)	Davids (KS)	Hastings
Blumenauer	Davis (CA)	Hayes
Blunt Rochester	Davis, Danny K.	Heck
Bonamici	Dean	Higgins (NY)
Boyle, Brendan	DeFazio	Himes
F.	DeGette	Horn, Kendra S.
Brindisi	DeLauro	Horsford
Brown (MD)	DelBene	Houlihan
Brownley (CA)	Delgado	Hoyer
Bustos	Demings	Huffman
Butterfield	DeSaulnier	Jackson Lee
Carbajal	Deutch	Jayapal
Cárdenas	Dingell	Jeffries
Carson (IN)	Doggett	Johnson (GA)
Cartwright	Doyle, Michael	Johnson (TX)
Case	F.	Kaptur
Casten (IL)	Engel	Keating
Castor (FL)	Escobar	Kelly (IL)
Castro (TX)	Eshoo	Kennedy
Chu, Judy	Españillat	Khanna
Cicilline	Evans	Kildee
Cisneros	Finkenauer	Kilmer
Clark (MA)	Fletcher	Kim
Clarke (NY)	Foster	Kind
Clay	Frankel	Krishnamoorthi
Cleaver	Fudge	Kuster (NH)
Clyburn	Gallego	Lamb
Connolly	Garamendi	Langevin
Cooper	Garcia (IL)	Larsen (WA)
Correa	Garcia (TX)	Larson (CT)