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Although women constitute a majority of the population, their lives, achievements, and contributions are often underrepresented in museums in the U.S. Recognition of the achievements made by American women will promote a better understanding of our history and culture for all. The [National Women's History Museum](#), a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history, needs congressional action to allow them to purchase federal land for a permanent museum near the National Mall in Washington, D.C. In this year of women breaking through historical barriers, urge your representative to support legislation to make this dream a reality.

In 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's history museum in Washington, D.C. and cited the efforts of the NWHM toward that goal. While several previous attempts have been made to this end, a permanent museum to celebrate women's role in history still does not exist in our nation's Capital. On July 17, 2008, Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Deborah Pryce (R-OH) introduced **H.R. 6548** to allow the NWHM to purchase land across from the National Mall at fair market value for the purpose of building such a museum.

AAUW strongly supports H.R. 6548 and is a proud member of the [NWHM Coalition](#), a group of national women's professional and service organizations committed to supporting the NWHM mission. In a year when many women have made history, we recognize the importance of remembering how far we have come and honoring the women who have played an integral part in getting us here.

Take Action!

To urge your representative to cosponsor and support H.R. 6548 to give the National Women's History Museum a permanent home, click on the "Take Action" link in the upper right corner or copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to send your message. <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=11912561&type=CO>

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