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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

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COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

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September 10, 2014
Start: 9:48 a.m.
Recess: 10:05 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway-Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:
LAURIE CUMBO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Elizabeth Crowley
Karen Koslowitz
Ben Kallos

CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Action! When do we do that part? [background voice] Lights, camera, action! [background voices]

[Pause]

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CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Good morning. Thank you all for coming today. I am Laurie Cumbo, chair of the Committee on Women's Issues. Today is a continuation of the hearing on Resolution Number 354, which calls upon the United States to pass and the President to sign companion legislation to H.R. 863, which would establish a commission to study the creation of a National Women's History Museum. As I mentioned in my original opening statement, women, who comprise about 51 percent of our nation's population are sorely represented in United States history books. In response to this lack of inclusion of women's history, Congress Member Carolyn Maloney introduced H.R. 863 legislation, which would establish a congressional commission to study the potential creation of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C., which was passed by the House of Representatives in May 2014 with bipartisan support and was sent to the Senate for consideration.

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2 I'm very happy to be joined by my
3 colleagues here. I'd like to recognize Elizabeth
4 Crowley, I'd like to recognize Karen Koslowitz and my
5 co-chair here today; I'm very happy to have Ben
6 Kallos, who introduced this resolution. Ben, if you
7 could say something briefly about this, and then we
8 will bring it to a vote.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you. I'll
10 allow my comments from the previously recessed
11 session to stand. I want to thank the co-chair of
12 this committee, Laurie Cumbo, for her leadership on
13 this issue, for being a co-primary sponsor of this
14 resolution and for taking her considerable expertise
15 on women's issues and cultural issues; as the founder
16 of a museum to hopefully play a huge role in making a
17 Women's Museum on the National Mall a reality and I
18 urge my colleagues to please vote yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Would my colleagues
20 like to add anything on this before we bring it to a
21 vote? Well, I would like to add, as chair of the
22 Women's Issues Committee and also a museum founder,
23 this is a time whose finally come and I'm very
24 excited to be a part of this and I strongly support
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2 the passage of this federal legislation and I ask you
3 all to vote yes on Resolution Number 354. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin [phonetic],
5 committee clerk. Roll call on the Committee on
6 Women's Issues. Council Member Cumbo.

7 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Can I be
12 excused to explain my vote? I want to congratulate
13 the chair, Laurie Cumbo, and to Ben Kallos. This is
14 a wonderful piece of legislation that I'm really
15 proud to vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
19 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions the
20 item had been adopted. Members, please sign the
21 committee report.

22 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: We'll leave it open
23 for a few moments.

24 [Pause]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: As to Reso 354 is 4 in
the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
abstentions.

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