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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 157 PROCLAIMING MARCH 8 AS MARYLAND WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY**

**Hearing is set to take place on Wednesday, February 9, at 1 p.m., in Annapolis at the Lowe House Office Building, Room 240, at 6 Bladen Street**

**What:** A new bill requiring the Governor to annually proclaim March 8 as Maryland Women's History Day in the State of Maryland is being introduced by Delegate Barbara Robinson in the Maryland House of Delegates.

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center, the first comprehensive state-based center and museum of its kind in the nation recognizing the history of Maryland women and girls, strongly supports House Bill 157. Delegate Barbara Robinson first proposed this bill when she spoke on behalf of the Women Legislators of Maryland at the Opening Celebration of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center in Baltimore on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

*Representatives of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center are available for interviews to discuss the significance of House Bill 157 both in advance and at the hearing.*

**When:** The hearing is set to take place:  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**  
**1 p.m.**

**Where:** Lowe House Office Building, Room 240  
(Health Government Operations Committee)  
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Who:** House Bill 157 is being introduced by the Health Government Operations Committee in the Maryland House of Delegates. Sponsors include:  
Delegate Barbara Robinson, District 40  
Delegate Tiffany T. Alston, District 24  
Delegate Aisha N. Braveboy, District 25  
Delegate Rudolph C. Cane, District 37A  
Delegate Jill P. Carter, District 41  
Delegate Frank M. Conaway, Jr., District 40  
Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais, District 15  
Delegate Adelaide C. Eckardt, District 37B

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Delegate Barbara Frush, District 21  
Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines, District 22  
Delegate Cheryl D. Glenn, District 45  
Delegate Melony G. Griffith, District 25  
Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez, District 18  
Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, District 37B  
Delegate Keith E. Haynes, District 44  
Delegate Anne Healey, District 22  
Delegate Sheila E. Hixson, District 20  
Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., District 23B  
Delegate Carolyn J. B. Howard, District 24  
Delegate Adrienne A. Jones, District 10  
Delegate Anne R. Kaiser, District 14  
Delegate Susan C. Lee, District 16  
Delegate Maggie McIntosh, District 43  
Delegate Herb McMillan, District 30  
Delegate Aruna Miller, District 15  
Delegate Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr., District 44  
Delegate Heather R. Mizeur, District 20  
Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, District 10  
Delegate Nathaniel T. Oaks, District 41  
Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, District 21  
Delegate Theodore Sophocleus, District 32  
Delegate Nancy R. Stocksdale, District 5A  
Delegate Melvin L. Stukes, District 44  
Delegate Shawn Z. Tarrant, District 40  
Delegate Veronica Turner, District 26  
Delegate Mary L. Washington, District 43

Representing the Maryland Women's Heritage Center during the hearing is Dr. Rita R. Robinson, member of the board of directors of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center. Additional supporters of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center also plan to be in attendance.

**Why:** This bill supports Maryland women's history in honor of Women's History Month in March and International Women's Day on March 8.

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center is a national model highlighting the experiences and contributions of Maryland's diverse women and girls from all regions of the state.

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