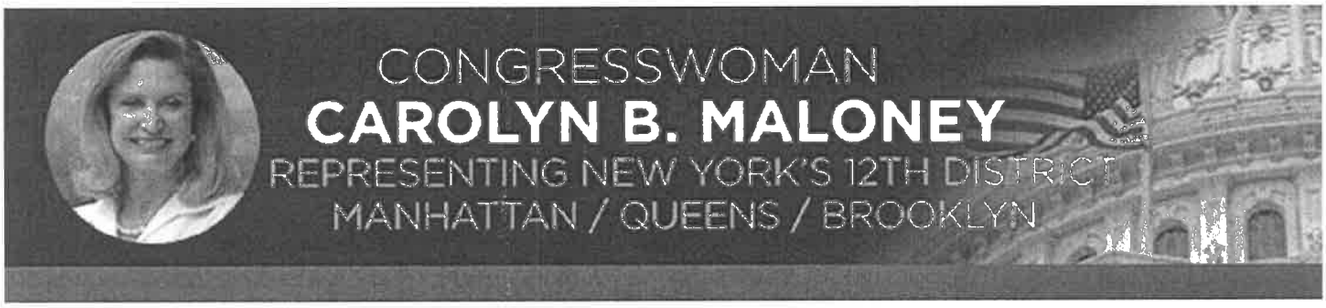


May 2014

Dear Neighbor,

It's not often that truly bipartisan legislation passes through Congress, but I am pleased to report that the House has passed the bill that I co-sponsored with Rep. Marsha Blackburn to create a commission to study putting a National Women's History Museum on the National Mall. I first introduced this bill in 1997, and I am thrilled that it has taken this huge step forward.

The House also reauthorized my Debbie Smith Act, which has been called the most important anti-rape legislation. This law helps eliminate the rape kit backlogs that exist across the country helping law enforcement officials put rapists behind bars.

I'm pleased to share more updates with you in this month's newsletter. As always, please feel free to contact my office if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Maloney

## HOUSE PASSES MALONEY & BLACKBURN NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM BILL

Reps. Maloney and Blackburn testifying in support of the National Women's History Museum to House Committee on

May 7, 2014, Washington, DC—The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation introduced by Reps. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) to form a Congressional Commission on the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, DC. The bipartisan legislation (H.R. 863) passed by a vote of 383 to 33 and now heads to the Senate, where Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) are leading the charge.

"Women deserve their rightful recognition when the story of our nation is told, and after so many years of being ignored, only a National Women's History Museum in our nation's capital can do that," said Maloney. "This bill will establish a Congressional Commission to help secure that place. Women gained the right to vote in 1920. I hope that a century later, in 2020, their efforts and the accomplishments of women throughout our history will be chronicled in a museum that both our daughters and sons can learn from and enjoy. I am grateful for the leadership of Representative Blackburn, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, and for the support of the many Republicans and Democrats who worked together to pass this bill."

The bill, H.R. 863, would establish a commission to prepare a report containing recommendations for establishing and maintaining a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C. The eight-member commission would have 18 months to produce the report and submit it to Congress for approval.

## MALONEY APPLAUDES WHITE HOUSE EFFORTS TO CURB SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUSES

April 29, 2014, Washington, DC—Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), author of the Campus SaVE Act, released the following statement applauding the recommendations of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

"Every year an alarming number of women are sexually assaulted while in college, and urgent action is needed by our schools, government, and law enforcement to protect women on campuses across the nation. I applaud the President for his strong commitment to stopping sexual violence on college campuses. The task force recommendations build on the Campus SaVE Act's protections, which were included in the Violence Against Women Act renewal. Strengthening federal law enforcement and providing schools with the tools they need to stop sexual assaults is critical.

"In January, I sent a letter with Rep. Jackie Speier (CA-14) to the Department of Education seeking many of the reforms outlined in the task force report released today. I am pleased to see that the President is taking action in response to these requests and the calls of countless other advocates who are deeply concerned about this problem.

"Every two minutes another American is sexually assaulted, and 80 percent of the victims are under age 30. One in five women is sexually assaulted while attending college. We have to do more as a country to not just improve the responsiveness of our criminal justice system, but also change the social norms that allow sexual violence to continue."

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## STEM APP DESIGN CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED

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*To register and find additional information,*

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**Submission Deadline Extended: May 31, 2014**

## MALONEY, LEVINE & KALLOS FIGHT FOR REPARATIONS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

April 28, 2014, New York—Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12) joined City Council Members Mark Levine and Benjamin Kallos to highlight their efforts to secure reparations from SNCF, the French rail company that transported 76,000 Jews and thousands of others to concentration camps during World War II, and to hold accountable any company that profited from the Holocaust.

Council Members Levine and Kallos will introduce a city council resolution that would call on the state legislature to pass legislation barring contracting with companies that profited from the Holocaust, but have never compensated victims. Maloney is working to pass the Holocaust Rail Justice Act in Congress, to give survivors their day in court by ending SNCF's ability to shield itself from litigation using the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

## MALONEY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Assemblyman Lentol and Rep. Maloney honor Tish Cianciotta and Dana Rachlan at Brooklyn ceremony

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney and Assemblyman Joe Lentol celebrated Women's History Month at their Brooklyn office by honoring two Brooklyn community leaders for their extraordinary contributions and service to their community.

Ms. Cianciotta was is a dedicated public servant on Assemblyman Lentol's staff. She advocates for her neighbors through the Concerned Citizens of Withers Street and fights to improve quality of life in the neighborhood as a member of Community Board 1.

Ms. Rachlin is personally and professionally dedicated to helping at-risk youth avoid involvement with the criminal justice system and make healthy decisions. For the last two years, she has been the Program Coordinator for Greenpoint Youth Court, which hears cases involving teenagers who have committed low-level offenses.

Assemblywoman Simotas and Rep. Maloney honor three women of Western Queens

Assemblymember Aravella Simotas and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney hosted "Celebrating the Women of Western Queens," honoring School Construction Authority CEO Lorraine Grillo, cancer survivor and activist Anna Kril, and Mount Sinai Queens President Caryn Schwab.

Congresswoman Maloney said, "I am happy to be celebrating Women's History Month with such strong, talented and accomplished women like Assemblywoman Simotas and our three honorees. Lorraine Grillo has championed investment in building and revitalizing public school buildings which has expanded capacity of a rapidly growing system. Anna Kril is a remarkable breast cancer survivor who created an organization to support other women living with the disease. Caryn Schwab is leading the effort to expand Mount Sinai Queens and make it an even better hospital to serve our community. These women work tirelessly day in and day out for the betterment of western Queens."

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