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Bill to Establish Elizabeth Cady Stanton Day Passes Senate

CATHARINE YOUNG March 20, 2006

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ALBANY- A bill commemorating November 12 as Elizabeth Cady Stanton day in New York State is another step closer to becoming law.

Senator Catharine Young (R,I,C-Olean) announced unanimous Senate passage of her bill to honor the tireless advocate and social reformer for women's rights, including the right to vote. The bill also has passed the Assembly and will be submitted to Governor George Pataki for consideration.

"The contributions to America by this courageous and dedicated woman cannot be overstated. She lived in a time when women were denied the right to vote, hold property, earn wages, or have guardianship of their children. Through her eloquent writings and quest for justice, she ignited a movement that has given a voice and opportunity to generations of women ever since," said Senator Young.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born November 12, 1815 in Johnstown, New York. She married abolitionist Henry Stanton in 1840, and moved to Seneca Falls where she met suffragist Lucretia Mott.

Her conviction regarding women's rights inspired her to write the Declaration of Sentiments, modeled after the Declaration of Independence, that outlined the case to give women the right to vote. She was a driving force behind the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848, held in Seneca Falls, where she met her lifelong friend, Susan B. Anthony.

The mother of seven, she co-founded the National Women's Loyal League in 1863, and the National Women's Suffrage Association in 1869.

"Although Elizabeth Cady Stanton passed away in 1902 before her dream of women having the right to vote was realized, the mark she left was indelible. Her depth of caring and unwavering advocacy will be remembered not only in New York State, but across our country and the world," Senator Young said.