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### **U.S. Senate Passes Landmark Resolution Honoring National Museum of American Jewish History**

**PHILADELPHIA** – The U.S. Senate has passed a resolution recognizing the National Museum of American Jewish History as the “only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to exploring and preserving the American Jewish experience.”

The resolution – co-sponsored by Sens. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., Robert P. Casey, Jr., D-Pa., Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., George LeMieux, D-Fla., Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore. – also designated the institution as “the national museum of American Jewish history.”

It followed a similar resolution passed earlier by the U.S. House of Representatives.

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The resolution states, in part, that the Museum “serves to illustrate how the freedom present in the United States and its associated choices, challenges, and responsibilities fostered an environment in which Jewish Americans have made and continue to make extraordinary contributions in all facets of American life.”

The Senate resolution was passed on July 22, 2010.

“I am pleased the U.S. Senate has taken this signal step to recognize the mission, as spotlighted in this resolution to connect Jewish people more closely to their heritage and to inspire in individuals of all backgrounds a greater appreciation for the diversity of the American experience and the freedoms to which all Americans aspire,” said Michael Rosenzweig, president and CEO of the Museum.

“Our new home will serve as a place that welcomes all people, inviting them to discover what they have in common with the Jewish experience in America, as well as to explore the features that make this history distinctive.”

The House resolution was sponsored by Rep. Robert Brady, D-Pa., in whose Pennsylvania First Congressional District the Museum is located, Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz, D-Pa., and 26 additional members of the House. It was passed on June 9, 2010.

Pennsylvania House members who co-sponsored the bill were Jason Altmire, D-Pa., Christopher Carney, D-Pa., Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., Todd Platts, R-Pa., Joe Sestak, D-Pa., and William Shuster, R-Pa. New Jersey representatives who were co-sponsors of the bill were John Adler, D-N.J., and Rush Holt, D-N.J.

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The [National Museum of American Jewish History](#), which will open its new 100,000-square-foot building the weekend of November 12-14, is located in the heart of historic Philadelphia, standing directly across from the Liberty Bell – one block south of the National Constitution Center and one block north of Independence Hall.