

Whereas, One of the goals of the Innocence Protection Act, a bipartisan bill recently introduced in Congress, is to promote the use of DNA evidence; and

Whereas, Many officials have endorsed the retroactive testing of DNA evidence, where applicable, in death row convictions; and

Whereas, Through the increased testing of DNA evidence, states can increase the certainty of capital crimes convictions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate Committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct a hearing on the expanding role of DNA evidence in law enforcement and its effect on the administration of the death penalty.

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