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Res. No. 123

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By Council Members Hudson, Brooks-Powers, Sanchez, Bottcher and Avilés

Whereas, The LGBTQIA+ community has long been marginalized, and the movement for equal rights for LGBTQIA+ individuals in the United States has spanned many decades; and

Whereas, The first documented gay rights organization in the U.S., the Society for Human Rights, was established in 1924, creating the first known publication in support of gay rights, Friendship and Freedom; and

Whereas, On June 28, 1969, a series of protests for gay rights spanning 6 days took place outside of the Stonewall Inn in New York City; and

Whereas, This uprising, commonly referred to as the Stonewall Riots or Stonewall Uprising, was a major turning point in the fight for the rights of groups marginalized due to their sexual orientation, which subsequently led to further progress in securing rights for LGBTQIA+ individuals of all types; and

Whereas, For example, the Supreme Court in 2015 and 2020 issued decisions that led to the legalization of same-sex marriage and the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity within employment, respectively; and Whereas, Despite this significant progress, members of the LGBTQIA+ community still continue to face discrimination and File #: Res 0123-2024, Version: *

hate; and

Whereas, According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), as of 2020, the number of hate crimes reported across

the country reached its highest level in more than two decades; and

Whereas, In their annual release of hate crime statistics in 2021, with regard to the total number of hate crimes that occurred

nationwide in 2020, the FBI reported that 20 percent were anti-gay incidents, the highest category second only to race and ancestry;

and

Whereas, On December 13, 2022 President Joseph Biden signed into law H.R. 8404/S. 4556, also known as the Respect For

Marriage Act, which repeals the Defense of Marriage Act and provides statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriage; and

Whereas, A number of other bills have been introduced in the 117th Congress (2021-2022) to strengthen and protect the

rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals; and

Whereas, H.R. 5/S. 393, also known as the Equality Act, would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity,

and sexual orientation; and

Whereas, H.R. 7993, also known as the Ruthie and Connie LGBTQ Elder Americans Act of 2022, would update the Older

Americans Act of 1965 to better serve LGBT elders by establishing a National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, and determining the

needs of LGBT elders through data collection and research; and

Whereas, H.R. 4176/S. 2287, also known as the LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act, would require federal agencies that collect

information through surveys for statistical purposes that include demographics to review existing data sets to determine which data

sets do not include information about sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics; and

Whereas, The aforementioned legislation could greatly impact the lives of LGBTQIA+ individuals living in the United

States and should be passed by Congress and signed into law by the President; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the LGBTQIA+

package of legislation currently before Congress.

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