



Legislation Text

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Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass HR 125, the Ethnic and Minority Bias Clearinghouse Act of 1999, a bill that would establish an ethnic and minority affairs section within the Federal Communications Commission.

By the Speaker (Council Member Vallone) and Council Members Malave-Dilan, Espada, Freed, Henry, Koslowitz, Marshall, Nelson, Reed, Warden and Watkins; also Council Members DiBrienza, Eisland, Foster, Harrison, Linares, McCaffrey, Michels, O'Donovan and Perkins

Whereas, The City of New York recognizes the diversity of its citizens as well as the invaluable roles played by ethnic and minority groups in the vitality of our City and nation; and
Whereas, Negative stereotypes of ethnic and minority groups are false and cause great harm to the members of those groups, as well as to the City and nation as a whole; and
Whereas, Negative portrayals of ethnic and minority groups on radio, television and cable television broadcast programming often perpetuate negative stereotypes about these groups; and
Whereas, HR 125, the Ethnic and Minority Bias Clearinghouse Act of 1999, is a bill currently before the United States House of Representatives that would establish an ethnic and minority affairs section within the Federal Communications Commission; and
Whereas, This section would collect information regarding the portrayal of ethnic and minority groups in radio, television and cable television broadcast programming, conduct an annual conference designed to focus public attention on such portrayals, prepare an annual report to be submitted to Congress regarding its activities and findings and establish a clearinghouse for complaints, grievances and opinions regarding the portrayal of ethnic and minority groups in broadcast programming; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York urges the United States Congress to pass HR 125, the Ethnic and Minority Bias Clearinghouse Act of 1999, a bill that would establish an ethnic and minority affairs section within the Federal Communications Commission.