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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. HANSEN, and Mr. DELAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ronald Reagan Rec-
3 ognition Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (a) Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserv-
7 ing of recognition by this and future generations of
8 Americans and visitors from around the world;

9 (b) as President, Ronald Reagan initiated poli-
10 cies that won the Cold War, protected and restored
11 freedom and Democracy around the globe, lowered
12 taxes on American citizens, tamed the economic
13 threats of inflation and economic stagnation, and
14 ushered in an unprecedented era of peace and pros-
15 perity across the nation, and his contributions merit
16 permanent memorialization;

17 (c) the legacies of Ronald Reagan include re-
18 storing faith in our system of Democracy and cap-
19 italism, returning pride in being an American, and
20 renewing the honor and decency of the American
21 Presidency, and are deserving of national recogni-
22 tion; and

23 (d) the contributions of former President Ron-
24 ald Reagan, and his status as a preeminent twen-
25 tieth-century American statesman and one of the
26 greatest American Presidents, merit and require a

1 permanent memorialization alongside the other great
2 American leaders memorialized on the Mall in Wash-
3 ington, DC.

4 **SEC. 3. IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF THE SITE AND**
5 **SELECTION OF THE DESIGN FOR A FUTURE**
6 **RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL.**

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Fed-
8 eral regulations, or policy, the National Capitol Memorial
9 Commission is hereby directed:

10 (1) to create and recognize an exception to the
11 moratorium on new memorials on the Washington,
12 DC, mall for a future memorial to former President
13 Ronald Reagan;

14 (2) to work with the members of the Ronald
15 Reagan Memorial Commission created under section
16 4 of this Act, and the Secretary of the Interior, to
17 recommend to the Congress a permanent location for
18 a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan, to
19 be situated in the area on the mall west of the
20 United States Capitol and east of the Lincoln Me-
21 morial within the area designated by section 2 of the
22 Commemorative Works Act as Area I; and

23 (3) to cooperate with the members of the Ron-
24 ald Reagan Memorial Commission and the Secretary
25 of the Interior in designing and locating a suitable

1 memorial and grounds for the Ronald Reagan me-
2 morial.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Fed-
4 eral regulations, or policy, the Secretary of the Interior
5 is hereby directed:

6 (1) to create an exception to any moratorium
7 on new memorials on the Washington, DC, mall for
8 a future memorial to former President Ronald
9 Reagan;

10 (2) to work with the members of the National
11 Capitol Memorial Commission and the members of
12 the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission created
13 under section 4 of this Act to recommend to the
14 Congress a permanent location for a memorial to
15 former President Ronald Reagan, to be situated in
16 the area on the mall west of the United States Cap-
17 itol and east of the Lincoln Memorial within the
18 area designated by section 2 of the Commemorative
19 Works Act as Area I;

20 (3) to cooperate with the members of the Na-
21 tional Capitol Memorial Commission and the mem-
22 bers of the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission in
23 designing and locating a suitable memorial and
24 grounds for the Ronald Reagan memorial; and

1 (4) to assign by detail such support staff as are
2 necessary to assist the members of the Ronald
3 Reagan Memorial Commission in carrying out its re-
4 sponsibilities.

5 (c) Designation of a permanent location for a future
6 memorial to former President Ronald Reagan under this
7 Act shall be made in a report to the Congress and to the
8 President no later than February 6, 2002.

9 (d) The process of selection of a suitable design for
10 a future memorial to former President Ronald Reagan
11 under this Act shall begin no later than six months after
12 passage of this Act, and a final design for the Ronald
13 Reagan Memorial shall be selected and reported to the
14 Congress and the President no later than February 6,
15 2002.

16 (e) A marker—to be no smaller than three feet
17 square, and to be constructed of durable material suitable
18 to the outdoor environment—shall be erected at the future
19 site of the memorial by the Secretary of the Interior, des-
20 ignating the area as the “Future Site of the Ronald
21 Reagan Memorial” no later than three months after selec-
22 tion of the site, and such marker shall remain at the site
23 and be maintained by the Secretary until the Memorial
24 is completed, dedicated, and open to the public.

1 (f) Construction of the memorial will be completed
2 according to the schedule set forth in, and in accordance
3 with, the Commemorative Works Act.

4 **SEC. 4. CREATION AND OPERATION OF THE RONALD**
5 **REAGAN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

6 (a) There is hereby created a federal commission, to
7 be known as the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission,
8 which shall:

9 (1) be exempt from the Federal Advisory Com-
10 mittee Act (FACA);

11 (2) be comprised of three members, including:

12 (A) the Chairman of the National Capitol
13 Memorial Commission;

14 (B) one member appointed by the Speaker
15 of the House no later than September 1, 2000;
16 and

17 (C) one member appointed by the Majority
18 Leader of the Senate no later than September
19 1, 2000;

20 (3) be chaired by one of its members, to be so
21 designated jointly by the Speaker of the House and
22 the Majority Leader of the Senate;

23 (4) meet no later than one month after its
24 members are appointed, and at such other times as
25 may be necessary;

1 (5) raise appropriate funds from private sector
2 sources necessary to design, construct, and maintain
3 a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan;

4 (6) work with the members of the National
5 Capitol Memorial Commission and the Secretary of
6 the Interior to recommend to the Congress a perma-
7 nent location as described in section 3 of this Act for
8 a future memorial to former President Ronald
9 Reagan;

10 (7) cooperate with the members of the National
11 Capitol Memorial Commission and the Secretary of
12 the Interior in determining a suitable location and
13 grounds for the Ronald Reagan Memorial;

14 (8) select a design from proposals solicited and
15 accepted from qualified American architects; and

16 (9) issue a report to Congress and the Presi-
17 dent on its activities every six months from its first
18 meeting, and issue a final report to the Congress
19 and the President including the proposed final de-
20 sign and location for the Ronald Reagan Memorial
21 no later than February 6, 2002.

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