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106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4800

[Report No. 106-884]

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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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. BARR of Georgia

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 29, 2000]

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future memorial to former President Ronald Reagan, to identify a suitable location, to select a suitable design, to raise private-sector donations for such a memorial, to create a Commission to assist in these activities, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Ronald Reagan Memo-*  
5 *rial Act of 2000”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        *The Congress finds the following:*

8            (1) *Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserv-*  
9 *ing of recognition by this and future generations of*  
10 *Americans and visitors from around the world.*

11           (2) *As President, Ronald Reagan initiated poli-*  
12 *cies that won the Cold War, protected and restored*  
13 *freedom and democracy around the globe, lowered*  
14 *taxes on American citizens, tamed the economic*  
15 *threats of inflation and economic stagnation, and*  
16 *ushered in an unprecedented era of peace and pros-*  
17 *perity across the Nation, and his contributions merit*  
18 *permanent memorialization.*

19           (3) *The legacies of Ronald Reagan include re-*  
20 *storing faith in our system of democracy and cap-*  
21 *italism, returning pride in being an American, and*

1       *renewing the honor and decency of the American*  
2       *Presidency, and are deserving of national recognition.*

3               *(4) The contributions of former President Ronald*  
4       *Reagan, and his status as a preeminent twentieth-*  
5       *century American statesman and one of the greatest*  
6       *American Presidents, merit and require a permanent*  
7       *memorialization alongside the other great American*  
8       *leaders memorialized on the Mall in the District of*  
9       *Columbia.*

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL;**

11                       **LOCATION AND DESIGN.**

12       *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMO-*  
13       *RIAL.—*

14               *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Ronald Reagan Memorial*  
15       *Commission is authorized to establish the Ronald*  
16       *Reagan Memorial in accordance with this Act, on*  
17       *Federal lands administered by the National Park*  
18       *Service in the District of Columbia.*

19               *(2) LOCATION.—The memorial shall be situated*  
20       *in a location that is—*

21                       *(A) recommended by the Ronald Reagan*  
22       *Memorial Commission; and*

23                       *(B) in the area on the Mall west of the Cap-*  
24       *itol and east of the Lincoln Memorial, and with-*

1           *in the area referred to in the Commemorative*  
2           *Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) as Area I.*

3           **(b) DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIAL**  
4 **COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—**  
5 *The National Capital Memorial Commission and the Sec-*  
6 *retary of the Interior shall assist the members of the Ronald*  
7 *Reagan Memorial Commission—*

8           (1) *in the preparation of a recommendation to*  
9           *the Congress of a permanent location for the memo-*  
10          *rial; and*

11          (2) *the selection of a design for the memorial and*  
12          *the grounds of the memorial.*

13          **(c) DETAIL OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR EM-**  
14 **PLOYEES.—***The Secretary of the Interior shall detail to the*  
15 *Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission such support staff*  
16 *as are necessary to assist the members of the commission*  
17 *in carrying out its responsibilities.*

18          **(d) BEGINNING OF PROCESS.—***The Ronald Reagan*  
19 *Memorial Commission shall begin the process of recom-*  
20 *mending a location and selecting a design for the memorial*  
21 *no later than six months after the date of enactment of this*  
22 *Act.*

23          **(e) MARKER.—**

24          (1) **IN GENERAL.—***The Secretary shall erect, at*  
25          *the site approved by the Congress for the memorial,*

1        *a suitable marker designating the site as the “Future*  
2        *Site of the Ronald Reagan Memorial”.*

3            (2) *REQUIREMENTS.—The marker shall be—*

4                    (A) *installed by the Secretary no later than*  
5                    *3 months after the date of the enactment of a law*  
6                    *approving the location for the memorial;*

7                    (B) *no smaller than 3 feet square and con-*  
8                    *structed of durable material suitable to the out-*  
9                    *door environment; and*

10                    (C) *maintained at the location by the Sec-*  
11                    *retary until the memorial is completed, dedi-*  
12                    *cated, and open to the public.*

13        (f) *RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMEMORATIVE WORKS*  
14 *ACT.—Sections 3(c), 7(a)(2), and 8(a)(1) of the Commemo-*  
15 *rative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1003(c), 1007(a)(2),*  
16 *1008(a)(1)) shall not apply to the memorial.*

17        **SEC. 4. RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

18        (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commis-*  
19 *sion, to be known as the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commis-*  
20 *sion. The commission shall—*

21                    (1) *be comprised of—*

22                            (A) *the Chairman of the National Capital*  
23                            *Memorial Commission;*

24                            (B) *one member appointed by the Speaker*  
25                            *of the House of Representatives by no later than*

1           6 months after the date of the enactment of this  
2           Act; and

3           (C) one member appointed by the majority  
4           leader of the Senate by no later than 6 months  
5           after the date of the enactment of this Act;

6           (2) be chaired by one of its members, to be des-  
7           ignated jointly by the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
8           resentatives and the majority leader of the Senate;

9           (3) meet no later than one month after its mem-  
10          bers are appointed, and at such other times as may  
11          be necessary; and

12          (4) be exempt from the Federal Advisory Com-  
13          mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

14          (b) *DUTIES.*—*The Ronald Reagan Memorial Commis-*  
15          *sion shall—*

16               (1) raise necessary funds from private sector  
17               sources to design, construct, and maintain the memo-  
18               rial;

19               (2) in cooperation with the National Capital Me-  
20               morial Commission and the Secretary of the Interior,  
21               determine and recommend to the Congress a perma-  
22               nent location for the memorial;

23               (3) select a design for the memorial from pro-  
24               posals solicited and accepted from qualified American  
25               architects; and

1           (4) *issue a report to the Congress and the Presi-*  
2           *dent on its activities every six months after its first*  
3           *meeting, and issue a final report to the Congress and*  
4           *the President, including a recommended location and*  
5           *final design for the memorial, no later than February*  
6           *6, 2002.*

7 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

8           *In this Act:*

9           (1) *MEMORIAL.*—*The term “memorial” means*  
10          *the Ronald Reagan Memorial authorized by this Act.*

11          (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
12          *the Secretary of the Interior.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the establishment of a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as ‘Area I’, to provide for the design and construction of such memorial, and for other purposes.”.

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