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S. 1734

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 14, 1999

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF**
4 **ABRAHAM LINCOLN INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

5 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Subject to subsections
6 (b) and (c), the Secretary of the Interior shall make grants
7 to contribute funds for the establishment in Springfield,
8 Illinois, of an interpretive center to preserve and make
9 available to the public materials related to the life of Presi-

1 dent Abraham Lincoln and to provide interpretive and
2 educational services which communicate the meaning of
3 the life of Abraham Lincoln.

4 (b) PLAN AND DESIGN.—

5 (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 18 months
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the entity
7 selected by the Secretary of the Interior to receive
8 grants under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-
9 retary a plan and design for the interpretive center,
10 including a description of the following:

11 (A) The design of the facility and site.

12 (B) The method of acquisition.

13 (C) The estimated cost of acquisition, con-
14 struction, operation, and maintenance.

15 (D) The manner and extent to which non-
16 Federal entities will participate in the acqui-
17 sition, construction, operation, and maintenance
18 of the center.

19 (2) CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.—The
20 plan and design for the interpretive center shall be
21 prepared in consultation with the Secretary of the
22 Interior and the Governor of Illinois and in coopera-
23 tion with such other public, municipal, and private
24 entities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

1 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—A grant under sub-
2 section (a) may not be made until such time as the entity
3 selected to receive the grant certifies to the Secretary of
4 the Interior that funds have been contributed by the State
5 of Illinois or raised from non-Federal sources for use to
6 establish the interpretive center in an amount equal to at
7 least double the amount of that grant.

8 (d) PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTION OF OPERATING
9 FUNDS.—Grant amounts may not be used for the mainte-
10 nance or operation of the interpretive center.

11 (e) NON-FEDERAL OPERATION.—The Secretary of
12 Interior shall have no involvement in the actual operation
13 of the interpretive center, except at the request of the non-
14 Federal entity responsible for the operation of the center.

15 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
17 Interior a total of \$50,000,000 to make grants under sub-
18 section (a). Amounts so appropriated shall remain avail-
19 able for expenditure through fiscal year 2006.

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