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To authorize the establishment of a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor James Madison in recognition of his distinguished career in public service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Mr. ROEMER 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMMEMORATIVE WORK TO HONOR JAMES**
4 **MADISON.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Few public servants have contributed more
7 to the formation and continuance of the United
8 States than former President James Madison, a pa-

1 triot who served his country as a member of the Vir-
2 ginia Assembly, the United States Congress, and the
3 executive branch of the Federal Government as Sec-
4 retary of State and President.

5 (2) James Madison’s contributions to the draft-
6 ing of the United States Constitution, despite his
7 modest assertion that the document was “not the
8 offspring of a single brain,” were unmatched by any
9 single individual and appropriately earned him the
10 moniker, “Father of the Constitution”.

11 (3) As a Member of Congress, James Madison
12 was the primary champion of the Bill of Rights,
13 which remains the most cherished and important
14 declaration of individual and group liberties.

15 (4) As Secretary of State, Madison was unique-
16 ly instrumental in securing the Louisiana Purchase
17 and presenting America’s protest against the seizure
18 of American ships and sailors by England and
19 France.

20 (5) As President, Madison presided over the
21 perilous War of 1812, demonstrating to the inter-
22 national community the strength and resolve of our
23 young republic.

24 (6) While Washington, D.C., is host to numer-
25 ous commemorative works honoring some of the

1 United States' most cherished heroes, there is no fit-
2 ting memorial in Washington, D.C., to acknowledge
3 James Madison's distinguished career in public serv-
4 ice.

5 (b) CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF COMMEMO-
6 RATIVE WORK.—Consistent with chapter 89 of title 40,
7 United States Code, a commemorative work may be estab-
8 lished on Federal land in the District of Columbia and
9 its environs to honor former President James Madison in
10 recognition of his distinguished career in public service.

11 (c) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—Federal funds may
12 be used to establish the commemorative work authorized
13 by subsection (b).

14 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—If, upon payment
15 of all expenses of the establishment of the commemorative
16 work (including the maintenance and preservation amount
17 provided for in section 8906(b) of title 40, United States
18 Code) authorized by subsection (b), or upon expiration of
19 the authority for the commemorative work under section
20 8903(e) of such title, there remains a balance of funds
21 received for the establishment of the commemorative work,
22 the amount of the balance shall be transferred to the Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury for deposit in the account provided
24 for in section 8906(b)(1) of such title.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
2 “commemorative work” and “the District of Columbia and
3 its environs” have the meanings given to such terms in
4 section 8902 of title 40, United States Code.

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