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To establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “225th Anniversary of
5 the American Revolution Commemoration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the American Revolution, inspired by the
9 spirit of liberty and independence among the inhab-
10 itants of the original 13 English colonies, was an

1 event of global significance having a profound and
2 lasting effect on the government, laws, culture, soci-
3 ety, and values of the United States;

4 (2) the years 2000 through 2008 mark the
5 225th anniversary of the American Revolution;

6 (3) citizens of the United States should have an
7 opportunity to understand and appreciate the con-
8 tinuing legacy of the American Revolution;

9 (4) the 225th anniversary of the American Rev-
10 olution provides an opportunity to enhance public
11 awareness and understanding of the impact of the
12 American Revolution on the lives of citizens of the
13 United States;

14 (5) although the National Park Service admin-
15 isters battlefields, historical parks, historic sites, and
16 programs that address elements of the story of the
17 American Revolution, there is a need to establish
18 partnerships that link those sites and programs with
19 sites and programs of other Federal and non-Fed-
20 eral entities to place the story of the American Revo-
21 lution in the broad context of the causes, con-
22 sequences, and significance of the American Revolu-
23 tion; and

24 (6) a national program of the National Park
25 Service that links historic structures and sites,

1 routes, activities, community projects, exhibits, and
2 multimedia materials in a manner that is unified
3 and flexible is the best method of conveying to citi-
4 zens of the United the story and significance of the
5 American Revolution.

6 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

7 (1) to recognize the enduring importance of the
8 American Revolution to the lives of citizens of the
9 United States; and

10 (2) to authorize the National Park Service to
11 coordinate, connect, and facilitate Federal and non-
12 Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and inter-
13 pret the history of the American Revolution, includ-
14 ing the significance and relevance of the American
15 Revolution to the shape and spirit of the Govern-
16 ment and society of the United States.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
20 the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution
21 Commemoration Program established under section
22 4(a).

23 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 4. 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLU-**
2 **TION COMMEMORATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
4 within the National Park Service a program to be known
5 as the “225th Anniversary of the American Revolution
6 Commemoration Program”.

7 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the program, the
8 Secretary shall—

9 (1) produce and distribute to the public edu-
10 cational materials relating to the American Revolu-
11 tion, such as—

12 (A) handbooks;

13 (B) maps;

14 (C) interpretive guides; and

15 (D) electronic information;

16 (2) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
17 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
18 technical assistance under subsection (d);

19 (3) assist in the protection of resources associ-
20 ated with the American Revolution;

21 (4) enhance communications, connections, and
22 collaboration among units and programs of the Na-
23 tional Park Service relating to the American Revolu-
24 tion;

25 (5) expand the research base for interpretation
26 of and education on the American Revolution; and

1 (6)(A) adopt an official, uniform symbol or de-
2 vice for the theme “Lighting Freedom’s Flame:
3 American Revolution, 225th Anniversary”; and

4 (B) promulgate regulations for the use of the
5 symbol or device.

6 (c) COMPONENTS.—The Program shall include—

7 (1) units and programs of the National Park
8 Service relevant to the American Revolution, as de-
9 termined by the Secretary;

10 (2) other governmental and nongovernmental—

11 (A) sites and facilities that are documented
12 to be directly related to the American Revolu-
13 tion; and

14 (B) programs of an educational, research,
15 or interpretive nature relating to the American
16 Revolution; and

17 (3) through the Secretary of State, the partici-
18 pation of the Governments of the United Kingdom,
19 France, the Netherlands, Spain, and Canada.

20 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA

21 OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this
22 Act and to ensure the effective coordination of the Federal
23 and non-Federal components of the Program with Na-
24 tional Park Service units and programs, the Secretary

1 may enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of
2 understanding with, and provide technical assistance to—

3 (1) the heads of other Federal agencies, States,
4 units of local government, and private entities; and

5 (2) in cooperation with the Secretary of State,
6 the Governments of the United Kingdom, France,
7 the Netherlands, Spain, and Canada.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
10 out this Act \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2003
11 through 2008.

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