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S. 2833

To authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Angel Island Immigra-
5 tion Station Restoration and Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) The Angel Island Immigration Station, also
2 known as the Ellis Island of the West, is a National
3 Historic Landmark.

4 (2) Between 1910 and 1940, the Angel Island
5 Immigration Station processed more than 1,000,000
6 immigrants and emigrants from around the world.

7 (3) The Angel Island Immigration Station con-
8 tributes greatly to our understanding of our Na-
9 tion's rich and complex immigration history.

10 (4) The Angel Island Immigration Station was
11 built to enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
12 and subsequent immigration laws, which unfairly
13 and severely restricted Asian immigration.

14 (5) During their detention at the Angel Island
15 Immigration Station, Chinese detainees carved
16 poems into the walls of the detention barracks. More
17 than 140 poems remain today, representing the
18 unique voices of immigrants awaiting entry to this
19 country.

20 (6) More than 50,000 people, including 30,000
21 schoolchildren, visit the Angel Island Immigration
22 Station annually to learn more about the experience
23 of immigrants who have traveled to our shores.

24 (7) The restoration of the Angel Island Immi-
25 gration Station and the preservation of the writings

1 and drawings at the Angel Island Immigration Sta-
2 tion will ensure that future generations also have the
3 benefit of experiencing and appreciating this great
4 symbol of the perseverance of the immigrant spirit,
5 and of the diversity of this great Nation.

6 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION.**

7 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
9 Interior \$15,000,000 for restoring the Angel Island Immi-
10 gration Station in the San Francisco Bay, in coordination
11 with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
12 and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

13 (b) **PRIORITY.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph
14 (2), the funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be
15 used for the restoration of the Immigration Station Hos-
16 pital on Angel Island.

17 (2) Any remaining funds in excess of the amount re-
18 quired to carry out paragraph (1) shall be used solely for
19 the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station.

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