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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress makes the following findings:

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

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

12 (3) The Angel Island Immigration Station con-
13 tributes greatly to our understanding of our Na-
14 tion’s rich and complex immigration history.

15 (4) The Angel Island Immigration Station was
16 built to enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
17 and subsequent immigration laws, which unfairly
18 and severely restricted Asian immigration.

19 (5) During their detention at the Angel Island
20 Immigration Station, Chinese detainees carved
21 poems into the walls of the detention barracks. More
22 than 140 poems remain today, representing the
23 unique voices of immigrants awaiting entry to this
24 country.

25 (6) More than 50,000 people, including 30,000
26 schoolchildren, visit the Angel Island Immigration

1 Station annually to learn more about the experience
2 of immigrants who have traveled to our shores.

3 (7) The restoration of the Angel Island Immig-
4 ration Station and the preservation of the writings
5 and drawings at the Angel Island Immigration Sta-
6 tion will ensure that future generations also have the
7 benefit of experiencing and appreciating this great
8 symbol of the perseverance of the immigrant spirit,
9 and of the diversity of this great Nation.

10 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION.**

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

17 (b) FEDERAL FUNDING.—Federal funding under this
18 Act shall not exceed 50 percent of the total funds from
19 all sources spent to restore the Angel Island Immigration
20 Station.

21 (c) PRIORITY.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph
22 (2), the funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be
23 used for the restoration of the Immigration Station Hos-
24 pital on Angel Island.

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2005.

Attest:

Clerk.