

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1242

To authorize reference to the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in
Fulton, Missouri, as the “National Churchill Museum”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Mr. HULSHOF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To authorize reference to the Winston Churchill Memorial
and Library in Fulton, Missouri, as the “National
Churchill Museum”.

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 The Act may be cited as the “National Churchill Mu-
5 seum Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Winston Churchill Memorial and Li-
9 brary in Fulton, Missouri, was built in honor of Sir
10 Winston Churchill and to commemorate the historic

1 “Sinews of Peace” speech that he delivered on the
2 campus of Westminster College in 1946.

3 (2) Construction on the Winston Churchill Me-
4 morial and Library began in 1964, and the Memo-
5 rial and Library was dedicated and opened to the
6 public in 1969.

7 (3) Westminster College, an institution of high-
8 er education that originally built the memorial, is re-
9 sponsible for the finances, operations, and collections
10 management of the Winston Churchill Memorial and
11 Library.

12 (4) The Winston Churchill Memorial and Li-
13 brary is the only museum in the Nation (or in North
14 America) that exists for the exclusive purpose of
15 honoring the life and legacy of Sir Winston Churchill
16 and his impact on the world and the Nation.

17 (5) Winston Churchill was the son of an Amer-
18 ican mother and was especially proud of his Amer-
19 ican heritage and was named an honorary American
20 citizen in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy.

21 (6) In September 2005, the Winston Churchill
22 Memorial and Library was closed for significant ren-
23 ovations that transformed it into a state-of-the-art
24 museum.

1 (7) The restored Memorial and Library was re-
2 opened to the public on March 5, 2006, the 60th
3 Anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill’s “Sinews of
4 Peace” speech.

5 (8) The new exhibits, along with an expanded
6 research library and archives, more fully utilize the
7 many thousands of historical objects, books, maps,
8 posters, photographs, diaries, letters, and
9 reminiscences of World War I and World War II
10 possessed by the Memorial and Library, better honor
11 the contributions of Sir Winston Churchill in art and
12 literature, and provide enhanced political analysis.

13 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

14 The purposes of this Act are as follows:

15 (1) To authorize reference to the Winston
16 Churchill Memorial and Library, including its future
17 and expanded exhibits, collections, library, archives,
18 and educational programs, as the “National Church-
19 ill Museum”.

20 (2) To recognize the continuing collection, pres-
21 ervation, and interpretation of the historical objects
22 and other historical materials held by the Memorial
23 and Library that enhance the knowledge and under-
24 standing of Sir Winston Churchill and his impact on
25 our nation and the world.

1 (3) To promote the ongoing development and
2 visibility of the “Lessons of Leadership” educational
3 outreach programs for teachers and students
4 throughout the Nation.

5 (4) To encourage understanding of World War
6 I and World War II, of how those conflicts shaped
7 the Nation, other countries, and later world events,
8 and of the sacrifices made during the wars that
9 helped preserve liberty, democracy, and other found-
10 ing principles for generations to come.

11 **SEC. 4. REFERENCE TO NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM.**

12 The Winston Churchill Memorial and Library located
13 in Fulton, Missouri, owned and managed by Westminster
14 College, is hereby authorized to refer to itself generally
15 as the “National Churchill Museum”.

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