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To establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. FOSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

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 “Ronald Reagan Cen-
5 tennial Commission Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 There is established a commission to be known as the
8 “Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission” (in this Act re-
9 ferred to as the “Commission”).

10 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

11 The Commission shall—

1 (1) plan, develop, and carry out such activities
2 as the Commission considers fitting and proper to
3 honor Ronald Reagan on the occasion of the 100th
4 anniversary of his birth;

5 (2) provide advice and assistance to Federal,
6 State, and local governmental agencies, as well as
7 civic groups to carry out activities to honor Ronald
8 Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of
9 his birth;

10 (3) develop activities that may be carried out by
11 the Federal Government to determine whether the
12 activities are fitting and proper to honor Ronald
13 Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of
14 his birth; and

15 (4) submit to the President and Congress re-
16 ports pursuant to section 7.

17 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

18 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission
19 shall be composed of 11 members as follows:

20 (1) The Secretary of the Interior.

21 (2) Four members appointed by the President
22 after considering the recommendations of the Board
23 of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Foundation.

1 (3) Two Members of the House of Representa-
2 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives.

4 (4) One Member of the House of Representa-
5 tives appointed by the minority leader of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 (5) Two Members of the Senate appointed by
8 the majority leader of the Senate.

9 (6) One Member of the Senate appointed by the
10 minority leader of the Senate.

11 (b) EX OFFICIO MEMBER.—The Archivist of the
12 United States shall serve in an ex officio capacity on the
13 Commission to provide advice and information to the Com-
14 mission.

15 (c) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
16 life of the Commission.

17 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of
18 the Commission shall be appointed not later than 90 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission
21 shall—

22 (1) not affect the powers of the Commission;
23 and

24 (2) be filled in the manner in which the original
25 appointment was made.

1 (f) RATES OF PAY.—Members shall serve without
2 pay.

3 (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Com-
4 mission shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem in lieu
5 of subsistence expenses during the performance of duties
6 of the Commission while away from home or his or her
7 regular place of business, in accordance with applicable
8 provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
9 United States Code.

10 (h) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
11 Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number
12 may hold hearings.

13 (i) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the Commis-
14 sion shall be elected by a majority vote of the members
15 of the Commission.

16 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

17 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission may appoint an ex-
18 ecutive director. The executive director may be paid at a
19 rate not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay for GS–
20 15 of the General Schedule.

21 (b) STAFF.—The Commission may appoint and fix
22 the pay of additional personnel as it considers appropriate
23 except that an individual so appointed may not receive pay
24 in excess of the maximum rate of basic pay for GS–13
25 of the General Schedule.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
2 LAWS.—The executive director and staff of the Commis-
3 sion may be appointed without regard to the provisions
4 of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
5 the competitive service, and may be paid without regard
6 to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
7 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and General
8 Schedule pay rates, except as provided in subsections (a)
9 and (b).

10 (d) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Upon re-
11 quest of the Commission, the Secretary of the Interior or
12 the Archivist of the United States may detail, on a reim-
13 bursable basis, any of the personnel of that department
14 or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out
15 its duties under this Act.

16 (e) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission
17 may procure temporary and intermittent services under
18 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates
19 for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the
20 maximum annual rate of basic pay for GS-14 of the Gen-
21 eral Schedule.

22 (f) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—
23 Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States
24 Code, the Commission may accept and use voluntary and

1 uncompensated services as the Commission determines
2 necessary.

3 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

4 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for the pur-
5 pose of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act
6 at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence
7 as the Commission considers appropriate.

8 (b) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
9 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
10 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
11 States.

12 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
13 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
14 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
15 out its duties under this Act. Upon request of the chair-
16 person of the Commission, the head of that department
17 or agency shall furnish that information to the Commis-
18 sion.

19 (d) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DEVISES.—The Commission
20 may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or
21 devises of money, services, or property, both real and per-
22 sonal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating its work.

23 (e) AVAILABLE SPACE.—Upon the request of the
24 Commission, the Administrator of General Services shall
25 make available nationwide to the Commission, at a normal

1 rental rate for Federal agencies, such assistance and facili-
2 ties as may be necessary for the Commission to carry out
3 its duties under this Act.

4 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To the extent or in the
5 amounts provided in advance in appropriations Acts, the
6 Commission may enter into contracts with and com-
7 pensate government and private agencies or persons to en-
8 able the Commission to discharge its duties under this
9 Act, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Stat-
10 utes (41 U.S.C. 5).

11 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

12 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall sub-
13 mit to the President and the Congress annual reports on
14 the revenue and expenditures of the Commission, includ-
15 ing a list of each gift, bequest, or devise to the Commission
16 with a value of more than \$250, together with the identity
17 of the donor of each gift, bequest, or devise.

18 (b) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may sub-
19 mit to the President and Congress interim reports as the
20 Commission considers appropriate.

21 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than April 30, 2011,
22 the Commission shall submit a final report to the Presi-
23 dent and the Congress containing—

24 (1) a summary of the activities of the Commis-
25 sion;

1 (2) a final accounting of funds received and ex-
2 pended by the Commission; and

3 (3) the findings, conclusions, and final rec-
4 ommendations of the Commission.

5 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may terminate
7 on such date as the Commission may determine after it
8 submits its final report pursuant to section 7(c), but not
9 later than May 30, 2011.

10 (b) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 14(b) of the
11 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) shall
12 not apply to the Commission.

13 **SEC. 9. ANNUAL AUDIT.**

14 For any fiscal year for which the Commission receives
15 an appropriation of funds, the Inspector General of the
16 Department of the Interior shall perform an audit of the
17 Commission, shall make the results of the audit available
18 to the public, and shall transmit such results to the Com-
19 mittee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House
20 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
21 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

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