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To provide for the furnishing of statues by the District of Columbia for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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. FURNISHING OF STATUES FOR STATUARY**
4 **HALL BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to in-
6 vite the District of Columbia to provide and furnish stat-
7 ues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding 2 in number, of
8 deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illus-
9 trious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic
10 or military services, such as the District of Columbia may

1 deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and
2 when so furnished, the same shall be placed in Statuary
3 Hall in the United States Capitol.

4 (b) LIMITATION.—No statue of any individual may
5 be placed in Statuary Hall pursuant to this Act until after
6 the expiration of the 10-year period which begins on the
7 date of the individual's death.

8 **SEC. 2. REPLACEMENT OF STATUES.**

9 (a) REQUEST BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The District of Columbia
11 may request the Joint Committee on the Library of
12 Congress to approve the replacement of a statue the
13 District has provided for display in Statuary Hall in
14 the United States Capitol under section 1.

15 (2) CONDITIONS.—A request shall be consid-
16 ered under paragraph (1) only if—

17 (A) the request has been approved by a
18 resolution adopted by the Council of the Dis-
19 trict of Columbia and the request has been ap-
20 proved by the Mayor of the District of Colum-
21 bia; and

22 (B) the statue to be replaced has been dis-
23 played in the United States Capitol for at least
24 10 years as of the time the request is made, ex-
25 cept that the Joint Committee may waive this

1 requirement for cause at the request of the Dis-
2 trict of Columbia.

3 (b) AGREEMENT UPON APPROVAL.—If the Joint
4 Committee on the Library of Congress approves a request
5 under subsection (a), the Architect of the Capitol shall
6 enter into an agreement with the District of Columbia to
7 carry out the replacement in accordance with the request
8 and any conditions the Joint Committee may require for
9 its approval. Such agreement shall provide that—

10 (1) the new statue shall be subject to the same
11 conditions and restrictions as apply to any statue
12 provided by the District of Columbia under section
13 1; and

14 (2) the District of Columbia shall pay any costs
15 related to the replacement, including costs in con-
16 nection with the design, construction, transportation,
17 and placement of the new statue, the removal and
18 transportation of the statue being replaced, and any
19 unveiling ceremony.

20 (c) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF STATUES.—Nothing
21 in this section shall be interpreted to permit the District
22 of Columbia to have more than 2 statues on display in
23 the United States Capitol.

24 (d) OWNERSHIP OF REPLACED STATUES.—

1 (1) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.—Subject to the
2 approval of the Joint Committee on the Library,
3 ownership of any statue replaced under this section
4 shall be transferred to the District of Columbia.

5 (2) PROHIBITING SUBSEQUENT DISPLAY IN
6 CAPITOL.—If any statue is removed from the United
7 States Capitol as part of a transfer of ownership
8 under paragraph (1), then it may not be returned to
9 the Capitol for display unless such display is specifi-
10 cally authorized by Federal law.

11 (e) RELOCATION OF STATUES.—The Architect of the
12 Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the
13 Library and with the advice of the Commission of Fine
14 Arts as requested, is authorized and directed to provide
15 for the reception, location, and relocation of any statues
16 received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act
17 from the District of Columbia under section 1.

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