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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA 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 TERRITORIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to in-
6 vite each territory of the United States to provide and fur-
7 nish a statue in marble or bronze of a deceased person
8 who has been a citizen thereof, and illustrious for the per-
9 son's historic renown or for distinguished civic or military
10 services, such as the territory may deem to be worthy of

1 this national commemoration; and when so furnished, the
2 same shall be placed in Statuary Hall in the United States
3 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 TERRITORY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—A territory of the United
11 States may request the Joint Committee on the Li-
12 brary of Congress to approve the replacement of a
13 statue the territory has provided for display in Stat-
14 uary Hall in the United States Capitol under section
15 1.

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

18 (A) the request has been approved by a
19 resolution adopted by the legislature of the ter-
20 ritory and the request has been approved by the
21 Governor of the territory; 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 ter-
2 ritory.

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 territory to carry out
7 the replacement in accordance with the request and any
8 conditions the Joint Committee may require for its ap-
9 proval. 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 territory under section 1; and

13 (2) the territory shall pay any costs related to
14 the replacement, including costs in connection with
15 the design, construction, transportation, and place-
16 ment of the new statue, the removal and transpor-
17 tation of the statue being replaced, and any unveil-
18 ing ceremony.

19 (c) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF STATUES.—Nothing
20 in this section shall be interpreted to permit any territory
21 of the United States to have more than 1 statue on display
22 in the United States Capitol.

23 (d) OWNERSHIP OF REPLACED STATUES.—

24 (1) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.—Subject to the
25 approval of the Joint Committee on the Library,

1 ownership of any statue replaced under this section
2 shall be transferred to the territory involved.

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

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

16 **SEC. 3. TERRITORY DEFINED.**

17 In this Act, the term “territory of the United States”
18 means American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto
20 Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

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