

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6672

To authorize the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to establish the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 17, 2018

Mr. CULBERSON (for himself and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Republic of Texas Le-
5 gation Memorial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act:

1 (1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “Association”
2 means the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a
3 corporation organized under the laws of the State of
4 Texas and described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt
5 from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal
6 Revenue Code of 1986.

7 (2) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means
8 the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial authorized
9 to be established under section 3.

10 **SEC. 3. MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE.**

11 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORA-
12 TIVE WORK.—The Association may establish the Republic
13 of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work,
14 on Federal land in the District of Columbia to commemo-
15 rate and honor those who, as representatives of the Repub-
16 lic of Texas, served in the District of Columbia as dip-
17 lomats to the United States and made possible the annex-
18 ation of Texas as the twenty-eighth State of the United
19 States.

20 (b) TYPE OF COMMEMORATIVE WORK.—The memo-
21 rial shall consist of a plaque containing an inscription rec-
22 ognizing the Republic of Texas Legation.

23 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
24 RATIVE WORKS ACT.—The establishment of the com-
25 memorative work shall be in accordance with chapter 89

1 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the
2 “Commemorative Works Act”).

3 (d) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.—Fed-
4 eral funds may not be used to pay any expense of the es-
5 tablishment of the memorial. The Association shall be
6 solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and
7 payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the me-
8 morial.

9 (e) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

10 (1) If upon payment of all expenses for the es-
11 tablishment of the memorial (including the mainte-
12 nance and preservation amount required by section
13 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there
14 remains a balance of funds received for the estab-
15 lishment of the commemorative work, the Associa-
16 tion shall transmit the amount of the balance to the
17 Secretary of the Interior for deposit in the account
18 provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United
19 States Code.

20 (2) If upon expiration of the authority for the
21 commemorative work under section 8903(e) of title
22 40, United States Code, there remains a balance of
23 funds received for the establishment of the com-
24 memorative work, the Association shall transmit the
25 balance to a separate account with the National

1 Park Foundation for memorials, to be available to
2 the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator
3 (as appropriate) following the process provided in
4 section 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code,
5 for accounts established under section 8906(b)(2) or
6 (3) of title 40, United States Code.

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