

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2197

To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. DEFazio (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mr. MEADOWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “John F. Kennedy Cen-
5 ter Reauthorization Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 13 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20
8 U.S.C. 76r) is amended by striking subsections (a) and
9 (b) and inserting the following:

1 “(a) MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SECURITY.—

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Board to

3 carry out section 4(a)(1)(H)—

4 “(1) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

5 “(2) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

6 “(3) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

7 “(4) \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

8 “(5) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

9 “(b) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—There are authorized to

10 be appropriated to the Board to carry out subparagraphs

11 (F) and (G) of section 4(a)(1)—

12 “(1) \$17,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

13 “(2) \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

14 “(3) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

15 “(4) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

16 “(5) \$21,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.”.

17 **SEC. 3. COMMEMORATION OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CEN-**

18 **TER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.**

19 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-

20 gress that the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing

21 Arts (referred to in this Act as the “Center”)—

22 (1) recognize the 50th anniversary of the open-

23 ing of the Center;

24 (2) acknowledge and commemorate the mission

25 of the Center as a national center for the performing

1 arts and a national memorial to President John F.
2 Kennedy; and

3 (3) recognize the 60th anniversary of the sign-
4 ing of the National Cultural Center Act (now known
5 as the “John F. Kennedy Center Act”) (20 U.S.C.
6 76h et seq.), signed into law by President Dwight D.
7 Eisenhower on September 2, 1958.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR PLAQUE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall place with-
10 in the Center a plaque containing an inscription to
11 commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of
12 the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h et
13 seq.) by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

14 (2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The plaque shall be—

15 (A)(i) not less than 6 square feet in size;

16 and

17 (ii) not more than 18 square feet in size;

18 (B) of any shape that the Trustees of the
19 Center determine to be appropriate; and

20 (C) placed at a location within the Center
21 approximate to the Eisenhower Theater that
22 the Trustees of the Center determine to be ap-
23 propriate.

24 (3) FUNDING.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may
2 be used to design, procure, or install the plaque.

3 (B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall
4 not affect the payment of salaries, expenses,
5 and benefits otherwise authorized by law for
6 members and employees of the Center who par-
7 ticipate in carrying out this subsection.

8 (4) PRIVATE FUNDRAISING AUTHORIZED.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Center may solicit
10 and accept private contributions for the design,
11 procurement, and installation of the plaque.

12 (B) ACCOUNTING.—The Center may—

13 (i) establish an account into which
14 any contributions received pursuant to sub-
15 paragraph (A) shall be deposited; and

16 (ii) maintain documentation of any
17 contributions received pursuant to sub-
18 paragraph (A).

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