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# S. 4744

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**  
2 **WORK.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Daughters of the Republic of  
4 Texas may establish a commemorative work on Federal  
5 land in the District of Columbia and its environs to com-  
6 memorate and honor those who, as representatives of the  
7 Republic of Texas, served in the District of Columbia as  
8 diplomats to the United States and made possible the an-  
9 nexation of Texas as the twenty-eighth State of the United  
10 States.

11 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-  
12 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemora-  
13 tive work under this section shall be in accordance with  
14 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly  
15 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

16 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL  
17 FUNDS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be  
19 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the  
20 commemorative work under this section.

21 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF  
22 THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.—The Daughters of the  
23 Republic of Texas shall be solely responsible for ac-  
24 ceptance of contributions for, and payment of the  
25 expenses of, the establishment of the commemorative  
26 work under this section.

1 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-  
3 penses for the establishment of the memorial (in-  
4 cluding the maintenance and preservation amount  
5 required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United  
6 States Code), there remains a balance of funds re-  
7 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative  
8 work, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall  
9 transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary  
10 of the Interior for deposit in the account provided  
11 for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States  
12 Code.

13 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon  
14 expiration of the authority for the commemorative  
15 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United  
16 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-  
17 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative  
18 work, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas shall  
19 transmit the balance to a separate account with the  
20 National Park Foundation for memorials, to be  
21 available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Ad-  
22 ministrator (as appropriate) following the process  
23 provided in section 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United

- 1 States Code, for accounts established under section
- 2 8906(b)(2) or (3) of title 40, United States Code.

