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H. R. 1248

To remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. EVANS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. BASS, Mr. ESPALLAT, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. JONES, and Mr. BROWN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Confederate Monu-
5 ment Removal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS AND REMOVAL PROCEDURES.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1814 of the Revised
3 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) is amended by inserting “(other
4 than persons who served voluntarily with the Confederate
5 States of America)” after “military services”.

6 (b) STATUE REMOVAL PROCEDURES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol
8 shall—

9 (A) identify all statues on display in the
10 United States Capitol that do not meet the re-
11 quirements of section 1814 of the Revised Stat-
12 utes (2 U.S.C. 2131), as amended by subsection
13 (a); and

14 (B) subject to the approval of the Joint
15 Committee on the Library of Congress, arrange
16 for the removal of each such statue from the
17 Capitol by not later than 120 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act.

19 (2) REMOVAL AND RETURN OF STATUES.—In
20 the case of a statue that is removed under this sub-
21 section which was provided for display by a State,
22 the Architect of the Capitol shall arrange to transfer
23 and deliver the statue and transfer ownership of the
24 statue to the State if the State so requests and
25 agrees to pay any costs related to the transportation
26 of the statue to the State.

1 (3) REPLACEMENT OF STATUES.—A State that
2 has a statue removed under this subsection shall be
3 able to replace such statue in accordance with the
4 requirements and procedures of section 1814 of the
5 Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) and section 311 of
6 the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2
7 U.S.C. 2132).

8 (4) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated
10 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021,
11 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
12 appropriated, \$2,000,000 to the Architect of
13 the Capitol to carry out this section, including
14 the costs related to the removal, transfer, secu-
15 rity, storage, and display of the statues de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1)(A).

17 (B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appro-
18 priated under subparagraph (A) shall remain
19 available until expended.

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