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To permit the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino to be located within the Reserve of the National Mall, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ISSA, Mr. CAREY, Mr. BACON, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. LaLOTA, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BARR, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CORREA, Mrs. KIM, Mr. RULLI, Mr. FRY, Ms. CHU, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. MENG, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. JAMES, Mr. MAST, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. MOYLAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. NEWHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Smithsonian National
3 Museum of the American Latino Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SITE OF SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE**
5 **AMERICAN LATINO.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZING SITE WITHIN RESERVE OF NA-
7 TIONAL MALL.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law or regulation, including section
10 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the Smith-
11 sonian National Museum of the American Latino
12 may be located within the Reserve (as defined in sec-
13 tion 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
15 201(g)(4) of division T of the Consolidated Appro-
16 priations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u(g)(4)) is amend-
17 ed by striking “, except that” and all that follows
18 and inserting a period.

19 (b) USE OF SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
20 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—Section 201(g)(2) of division
21 T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20
22 U.S.C. 80u(g)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(2) SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
24 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—

25 “(A) NOTIFICATION TO OTHER AGENCY OR
26 ENTITY.—The Board of Regents shall not des-

1 ignite a site for the Museum that is under the
2 administrative jurisdiction of another Federal
3 agency or entity without first notifying the head
4 of the Federal agency or entity.

5 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO COMMITTEES.—

6 Once notified under subparagraph (A), the head
7 of the Federal agency or entity shall promptly
8 submit written notification to the Chair and
9 ranking minority members of the Committee on
10 Rules and Administration, the Committee on
11 Appropriations, and the Committee on Energy
12 and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the
13 Committee on House Administration, the Com-
14 mittee on Natural Resources, the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the
16 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
17 Representatives, stating that the Federal agen-
18 cy or entity was notified by the Board of Re-
19 gents that a site under its jurisdiction was des-
20 ignated and that a transfer will be initiated as
21 soon as practicable.

22 “(C) TRANSFER.—As soon as practicable

23 after the date on which the individuals de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (B) receive the written
25 notification described in such subparagraph, the

1 head of the Federal agency or entity shall
 2 transfer to the Smithsonian Institution its ad-
 3 ministrative jurisdiction over the land or struc-
 4 ture that has been designated as the site for the
 5 Museum.”.

6 (c) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
 7 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—Section
 8 201(d)(2)(D) of division T of the Consolidated Appropria-
 9 tions Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u(d)(2)(D)) is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 “(D) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL
 12 VIEWPOINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board of
 14 Trustees shall ensure that the exhibits and
 15 programs of the Museum accurately and
 16 comprehensively represent the varied cul-
 17 tures, histories, events, and values of His-
 18 panic or Latino communities.

19 “(ii) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—In
 20 carrying out its duties, the Board of Trust-
 21 ees shall ensure that it seeks and utilizes
 22 to its maximum ability guidance from a
 23 broad array of knowledgeable and re-
 24 spected sources reflecting the diversity of
 25 the political viewpoints and authentic expe-

1 riences held by Hispanics or Latinos in the
2 United States, and shall seek such guid-
3 ance for both the creation and substantial
4 revision of exhibits and programs.

5 “(iii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
6 graph—

7 “(I) the term ‘broad array’
8 means a range of experts and publica-
9 tions that represent the broad spec-
10 trum of Hispanic or Latino commu-
11 nities, to include varied viewpoints,
12 political ideologies, cultures, and lived
13 experiences in the United States; and

14 “(II) the term ‘knowledgeable
15 and respected source’ means an indi-
16 vidual who has gained through edu-
17 cation, publication, or witnessing an
18 important or historical event, the abil-
19 ity to advise on at least one unique
20 viewpoint or experience of a particular
21 Hispanic or Latino community, and
22 whose knowledge has been relied upon
23 by a notable segment of that commu-
24 nity for education, heritage preserva-
25 tion, or historical purposes, and in-

1 includes the work of such an individual
2 which reflects such ability and knowl-
3 edge.”.

4 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
5 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every
6 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Smithsonian shall
7 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
8 House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and
9 Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on House
10 Administration of the House of Representatives, the Com-
11 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the
12 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
13 House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropria-
14 tions of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
15 on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on actions taken
16 by the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of
17 the American Latino Museum and the Board of Trustees
18 of the Museum to comply with the requirements of the
19 amendments made by subsection (c), including a descrip-
20 tion of actions taken with respect to substantial revisions
21 of current exhibits and programs as well the planning of
22 future exhibits and programs.

23 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
24 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included

1 in the enactment of section 201 of division T of the Con-
2 solidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u).

