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S. 172

To authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Kaine) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORA-**
4 **TIVE WORK.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Medal of Honor
6 Museum Foundation may establish a commemorative work
7 on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its envi-
8 rons to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless serv-
9 ice, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients.

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

6 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
7 FUNDS.—

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

11 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL
12 OF HONOR MUSEUM FOUNDATION.—The National
13 Medal of Honor Museum Foundation shall be solely
14 responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and
15 payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the
16 commemorative work under this section.

17 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, on payment of all ex-
19 penses for the establishment of the commemorative
20 work under this section (including the maintenance
21 and preservation amount required by section
22 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there
23 remains a balance of funds received for the estab-
24 lishment of the commemorative work, the National
25 Medal of Honor Museum Foundation shall transmit

1 the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the
2 Interior for deposit in the account provided for in
3 section 8906(b)(3) of that title.

4 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If, on ex-
5 piration of the authority for the commemorative
6 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
7 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
8 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
9 work under this section, the National Medal of
10 Honor Museum Foundation shall transmit the
11 amount of the balance to a separate account with
12 the National Park Foundation for memorials, to be
13 available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Ad-
14 ministrator of General Services, as appropriate, in
15 accordance with the process provided in paragraph
16 (4) of section 8906(b) of that title for accounts es-
17 tablished under paragraph (2) or (3) of that section.

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