

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 131

AN ACT

To establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

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 “Ronald Reagan Cen-
3 tennial Commission Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

5 There is established a commission to be known as the
6 “Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission” (in this Act re-
7 ferred to as the “Commission”).

8 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

9 The Commission shall—

10 (1) plan, develop, and carry out such activities
11 as the Commission considers fitting and proper to
12 honor Ronald Reagan on the occasion of the 100th
13 anniversary of his birth;

14 (2) provide advice and assistance to Federal,
15 State, and local governmental agencies, as well as
16 civic groups to carry out activities to honor Ronald
17 Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of
18 his birth;

19 (3) develop activities that may be carried out by
20 the Federal Government to determine whether the
21 activities are fitting and proper to honor Ronald
22 Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of
23 his birth; and

24 (4) submit to the President and Congress re-
25 ports pursuant to section 7.

1 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission
3 shall be composed of 11 members as follows:

4 (1) The Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) Four members appointed by the President
6 after considering the recommendations of the Board
7 of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Foundation.

8 (3) Two Members of the House of Representa-
9 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives.

11 (4) One Member of the House of Representa-
12 tives appointed by the minority leader of the House
13 of Representatives.

14 (5) Two Members of the Senate appointed by
15 the majority leader of the Senate.

16 (6) One Member of the Senate appointed by the
17 minority leader of the Senate.

18 (b) **EX OFFICIO MEMBER.**—The Archivist of the
19 United States shall serve in an ex officio capacity on the
20 Commission to provide advice and information to the Com-
21 mission.

22 (c) **TERMS.**—Each member shall be appointed for the
23 life of the Commission.

24 (d) **DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.**—All members of
25 the Commission shall be appointed not later than 90 days
26 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission
2 shall—

3 (1) not affect the powers of the Commission;

4 and

5 (2) be filled in the manner in which the original
6 appointment was made.

7 (f) RATES OF PAY.—Members shall not receive com-
8 pensation for the performance of their duties on behalf
9 of the Commission.

10 (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Com-
11 mission shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem in lieu
12 of subsistence expenses during the performance of duties
13 of the Commission while away from home or his or her
14 regular place of business, in accordance with applicable
15 provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
16 United States Code.

17 (h) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
18 Commission shall constitute a quorum to conduct busi-
19 ness, but two or more members may hold hearings.

20 (i) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the Commis-
21 sion shall be elected by a majority vote of the members
22 of the Commission.

23 **SEC. 5. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

24 (a) DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—The Commission shall
25 appoint an executive director and such other additional

1 personnel as are necessary to enable the Commission to
2 perform its duties.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
4 LAWS.—The executive director and staff of the Commis-
5 sion may be appointed without regard to the provisions
6 of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
7 the competitive service, and may be paid without regard
8 to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
9 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and General
10 Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the
11 executive director and other staff may not exceed the rate
12 payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section
13 5316 of such title.

14 (c) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Upon re-
15 quest of the Commission, the Secretary of the Interior or
16 the Archivist of the United States may detail, on a reim-
17 bursable basis, any of the personnel of that department
18 or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out
19 its duties under this Act.

20 (d) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission
21 may procure such temporary and intermittent services as
22 are necessary to enable the Commission to perform its du-
23 ties.

24 (e) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—
25 Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States

1 Code, the Commission may accept and use voluntary and
2 uncompensated services as the Commission determines
3 necessary.

4 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

5 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for the pur-
6 pose of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act
7 at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence
8 as the Commission considers appropriate.

9 (b) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
10 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
11 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
12 States.

13 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
14 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
15 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
16 out its duties under this Act. Upon request of the chair-
17 person of the Commission, the head of that department
18 or agency shall furnish that information to the Commis-
19 sion.

20 (d) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DEVISES.—The Commission
21 may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or
22 devises of money, services, or property, both real and per-
23 sonal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating its work.

24 (e) AVAILABLE SPACE.—Upon the request of the
25 Commission, the Administrator of General Services shall

1 make available nationwide to the Commission, at a normal
2 rental rate for Federal agencies, such assistance and facili-
3 ties as may be necessary for the Commission to carry out
4 its duties under this Act.

5 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Commission may
6 enter into contracts with and compensate government and
7 private agencies or persons to enable the Commission to
8 discharge its duties under this Act.

9 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

10 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall sub-
11 mit to the President and the Congress annual reports on
12 the revenue and expenditures of the Commission, includ-
13 ing a list of each gift, bequest, or devise to the Commission
14 with a value of more than \$250, together with the identity
15 of the donor of each gift, bequest, or devise.

16 (b) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may sub-
17 mit to the President and Congress interim reports as the
18 Commission considers appropriate.

19 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than April 30, 2011,
20 the Commission shall submit a final report to the Presi-
21 dent and the Congress containing—

22 (1) a summary of the activities of the Commis-
23 sion;

24 (2) a final accounting of funds received and ex-
25 pended by the Commission; and

1 (3) the findings, conclusions, and final rec-
2 ommendations of the Commission.

3 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

4 The Commission may terminate on such date as the
5 Commission may determine after it submits its final re-
6 port pursuant to section 7(c), but not later than May 30,
7 2011.

8 **SEC. 9. ANNUAL AUDIT.**

9 The Inspector General of the Department of the Inte-
10 rior may perform an audit of the Commission, shall make
11 the results of any audit performed available to the public,
12 and shall transmit such results to the Committee on Over-
13 sight and Government Reform of the House of Represent-
14 atives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
15 ernmental Affairs of the Senate.

16 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL**
17 **FUNDS.**

18 No Federal funds may be obligated to carry out this
19 Act.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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