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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2010

Mr. Clay (for himself and Mr. Larson of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Historical Publications and Records Commission Act of 2010”.
SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2015 FOR NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION.

Section 2504(g)(1) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (R), by striking “and”;

(2) in subparagraph (S), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(T) $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.”.

SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES FOR RECORDS OF SERVITUDE, EMANCIPATION, AND POST-CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

Section 8 of the Presidential Historical Records Preservation Act of 2008 (44 U.S.C. 2504 note) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES FOR RECORDS OF SERVITUDE, EMANCIPATION, AND POST-CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United States, after considering the advice and recommendations
of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, may make grants to States, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, and genealogical associations to preserve records and establish electronically searchable databases consisting of local records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction.

“(b) MAINTENANCE.—Any database established using a grant under this section shall be maintained by appropriate agencies or institutions designated by the Archivist of the United States.”.