

Union Calendar No. 221

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6201

[Report No. 117–299]

To extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free Black persons who served in the American Revolution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 25, 2022

Additional sponsors: Ms. NORTON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. GALLEG0, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BACON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. REED, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. KAHELE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. ROSS, Ms. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that the period preceding the 250th
8 anniversary of the founding of the United States on July
9 4, 1776, offers the best conditions in ten generations to
10 honor and preserve the contributions of enslaved and free
11 Black soldiers and civilians to independence by the tri-
12 umph of a permanent National Liberty Memorial rep-
13 resenting deeds Congress on two previous occasions de-
14 clared of “preeminent historical and lasting significance
15 to the nation”.

16 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT**
17 **OF COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**

18 Notwithstanding section 8903(e) of title 40, United
19 States Code, the authority provided by section 2860 of the
20 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
21 2013 (division B of Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2164;
22 40 U.S.C. 8903 note) shall continue to apply through Sep-
23 tember 30, 2027.

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