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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1329

[Report No. 119–621, Part I]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Ms. CHU, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FRY, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. BACON, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. BARR, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. BYNUM, Mrs. KIM, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. RULLI, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. JAMES, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. MAST, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. MENG, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BENTZ, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. TOKUDA, and Ms. RIVAS) 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

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Additional sponsors: Mr. AMO, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. LATIMER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SHREVE, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. EZELL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. McIVER, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. RYAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. TRAN, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. KEAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. VINDMAN, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JACK, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. FLOOD, Mrs. McCLAIN, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Ms. MALOY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. McGUIRE, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. POU, Ms. BALINT, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. BERA, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. OGLES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. McBRIDE, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. CROW, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. VAN EPPS, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. MFUME, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. BARRETT, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. IVEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. ROSS, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. BOST, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CASE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CRAWFORD, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SIMON, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. MIN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. WIED, Mr. McCORMICK, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. MORRISON, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. COHEN, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. MANNION, and Mr. LOUDERMILK

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Deleted sponsor: Ms. GREENE of Georgia (added April 2, 2025; deleted June 26, 2025)

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Reported from the Committee on House Administration with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 13, 2025]

A BILL

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

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 “Smithsonian American*
 5 *Women’s History Museum Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SITE OF SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN’S HIS-**
 7 **TORY MUSEUM.**

8 *(a) AUTHORIZING SITE WITHIN RESERVE OF NA-*
 9 *TIONAL MALL.—Section 107(d) of division T of the Consoli-*
 10 *dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t-5(d)) is*
 11 *amended by striking “, except that” and all that follows*
 12 *and inserting a period.*

13 *(b) SITE DESIGNATION.—Section 107(a) of division T*
 14 *of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C.*
 15 *80t-5(a)) is amended to read as follows:*

16 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The site for the Museum is hereby*
 17 *designated as the South Monument site, located on the Na-*
 18 *tional Mall, bordered by 14th Street Southwest, Jefferson*
 19 *Drive Southwest, Raoul Wallenberg Place Southwest, and*
 20 *Independence Avenue Southwest, except that the President*
 21 *may designate an alternative site for the Museum within*
 22 *180 days of the date of the enactment of this subsection.”.*

23 *(c) USE OF SITE.—*

1 (1) *TRANSFER*.—Section 107(b) of division T of
 2 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C.
 3 80t-5(b)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(b) *TRANSFER OF SITE*.—As soon as practicable after
 5 the date of the enactment of this subsection, the head of the
 6 Federal agency or entity shall transfer to the Smithsonian
 7 Institution its administrative jurisdiction over the land de-
 8 scribed in subsection (a).”.

9 (2) *BUILDING REQUIREMENTS*.—Section 107(c)
 10 of division T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
 11 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t-5(c)) is amended to read as fol-
 12 lows:

13 “(c) *BUILDING*.—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—The Board of Regents, in
 15 consultation with the head of the Federal agency or
 16 entity and the council established under section 104
 17 and with the approval of the Commission of Fine
 18 Arts, National Capital Planning Commission, the
 19 National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission,
 20 and the head of the Federal agency or entity, may
 21 plan, design, and construct a building for the Mu-
 22 seum, which shall be located at the site described in
 23 subsection (a).

24 “(2) *CRITERIA*.—In considering site and design
 25 proposals, the Commission of Fine Arts, the National

1 *Capital Planning Commission, the National Capital*
 2 *Memorial Advisory Commission, and the head of the*
 3 *Federal agency or entity shall be guided by, but not*
 4 *limited to the following criteria:*

5 “(A) *The Museum shall be located so that to*
 6 *the maximum extent practicable, it protects the*
 7 *open space, existing public use, and cultural and*
 8 *natural resources.*

9 “(B) *The Museum shall be constructed of*
 10 *durable material suitable to the outdoor environ-*
 11 *ment.*

12 “(C) *Landscape features of the Museum*
 13 *shall be compatible with the climate.*

14 “(D) *The National Capital Planning Com-*
 15 *mission and the Commission of Fine Arts may*
 16 *develop such criteria or guidelines specific to*
 17 *each site that are mutually agreed upon to en-*
 18 *sure that the design of the Museum carries out*
 19 *the purposes of this section.”.*

20 (3) *EXPENSES.—Section 107 of division T of the*
 21 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C.*
 22 *80t-5) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

23 “(f) *EXPENSES.—The Smithsonian Institution shall*
 24 *reimburse within 60 days any and all costs incurred by*
 25 *the head of the Federal agency or entity for implementation*

1 *of any recommendations resulting from the approval proc-*
 2 *ess described in subsection (c).”.*

3 *(d) MUSEUM PURPOSE.—Section 103 of division T of*
 4 *the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t-*
 5 *1) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

6 *“(c) SCOPE OF MISSION.—*

7 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Museum shall be dedi-*
 8 *cated to preserving, researching, and presenting the*
 9 *history, achievements, and lived experiences of biologi-*
 10 *cal women in the United States.*

11 *“(2) PROHIBITION.—The Museum may not iden-*
 12 *tify, present, describe, or otherwise depict any biologi-*
 13 *cal male as a female.”.*

14 *(e) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS*
 15 *AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—Section 104(b)(4) of divi-*
 16 *sion T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20*
 17 *U.S.C. 80t-2(b)(4)) is amended to read as follows:*

18 *“(4) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-*
 19 *POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—*

20 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall en-*
 21 *sure that the exhibits and programs of the Mu-*
 22 *seum reflect, to the extent practicable, an equal*
 23 *representation of the diversity of the political*
 24 *viewpoints and authentic experiences held by*
 25 *women in the United States, accurately and*

1 *comprehensively representing the varied cultures,*
2 *histories, events, and values held by such women.*

3 “(B) *SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—In car-*
4 *rying out its duties, the Council shall ensure that*
5 *it seeks and utilizes to its maximum ability*
6 *guidance from a broad array of knowledgeable*
7 *and respected sources reflecting the diversity of*
8 *the political viewpoints and authentic experi-*
9 *ences held by women in the United States, and*
10 *shall seek such guidance for both the creation*
11 *and substantial revision of exhibits and pro-*
12 *grams.*

13 “(C) *DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—*

14 “(i) *the term ‘broad array’ means a*
15 *range of experts and publications that rep-*
16 *resent the broad spectrum of communities of*
17 *women, to include varied viewpoints, polit-*
18 *ical ideologies, cultures, and lived experi-*
19 *ences in the United States; and*

20 “(ii) *the term ‘knowledgeable and re-*
21 *spected source’ means an individual who*
22 *has gained through education, publication,*
23 *or witnessing an important or historical*
24 *event, the ability to advise on at least one*
25 *unique viewpoint or experience of a par-*

1 *ticular community of women in the United*
2 *States, and whose knowledge has been relied*
3 *upon by a notable segment of that commu-*
4 *nity for education, heritage preservation, or*
5 *historical purposes, and includes the work*
6 *of such an individual which reflects such*
7 *ability and knowledge.”.*

8 (f) *REPORTS TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 120 days*
9 *after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 2 years*
10 *thereafter, the Secretary of the Smithsonian shall submit*
11 *to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-*
12 *resentatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-*
13 *sources of the Senate, the Committee on House Administra-*
14 *tion of the House of Representatives, the Committee on*
15 *Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on*
16 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*
17 *resentatives, the Committee on Appropriations of the House*
18 *of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations*
19 *of the Senate a report on actions taken by the Director of*
20 *the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum and*
21 *the Council of the Museum to comply with the requirements*
22 *of the amendments made by subsection (f), including a de-*
23 *scription of actions taken with respect to substantial revi-*
24 *sions of current exhibits and programs as well the planning*
25 *of future exhibits and programs.*

1 (g) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*This section and the amend-*
2 *ments made by this section shall take effect as if included*
3 *in the enactment of title I of division T of the Consolidated*
4 *Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t et seq.).*

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