

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6643

To authorize a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor United States citizens and legal residents who lost their lives as victims of crimes committed by individuals unlawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. HUNT, and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Border Story
5 Memorial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MEMORIAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Border Story
3 (TABS) may establish a commemorative work on Federal
4 land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor
5 United States citizens and legal residents who lost their
6 lives as victims of crimes committed by individuals unlaw-
7 fully present in the United States.

8 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
9 RATIVE WORKS.—Notwithstanding section 8903(c) of title
10 40, United States Code, the establishment of the com-
11 memorative work under this section shall be in accordance
12 with chapter 89 of that title, United States Code (com-
13 monly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

14 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
15 FUNDS.—Federal funds may not be used to pay any ex-
16 pense of the establishment of the commemorative work
17 under this section.

18 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-
20 penses for the establishment of the commemorative
21 work (including the maintenance and preservation
22 amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40,
23 United States Code), there remains a balance of
24 funds received for such establishment, The American
25 Border Story shall transmit the amount of the bal-
26 ance to the Secretary of the Interior for deposit in

1 the account provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of
2 title 40, United States Code.

3 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon
4 expiration of the authority for the commemorative
5 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
6 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
7 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
8 work, The American Border Story shall transmit the
9 amount of the balance to a separate account with
10 the National Park Foundation for memorials, to be
11 available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Ad-
12 ministrator of General Services (as appropriate) fol-
13 lowing the process provided in section 8906(b)(4) of
14 title 40, United States Code, for accounts estab-
15 lished under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section
16 8906(b) of title 40, United States Code.

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