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[CHAPTER 587]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To erect a memorial to the memory of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

September 28, 1949
[H. J. Res. 295]
[Public Law 309]

Whereas India's greatest leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, has met the martyr's death; and

Whereas the beloved Gandhi throughout his life had brought to the people of India and peoples everywhere the meaning of a selfless devotion to peace, and with it the gift of his own unbounded spiritual wealth; and

Whereas Mohandas Gandhi's uncompromisable strength led India to the independence for which it had sorely struggled; and

Whereas the impact of his personality upon history is undeniable; and

Whereas in consideration of the cordial relations existing between the people of the United States and the people of India, and in the hope that a memorial to his memory in the United States may further those cordial cultural and spiritual relations between these two countries, and in the further hope that such a memorial will awaken and keep alive in people everywhere the sense of their individual dignity and independence as well as an abhorrence for civil, religious, and communal strife anywhere: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby granted to the India League of America, or any other organization which may be organized for this purpose, to erect, within five years from the date of the approval of this resolution, a memorial testifying to the wisdom and leadership of Mohandas K. Gandhi, as philosopher and statesman, in the city of Washington, on such grounds as may be designated by the Fine Arts Commission, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library. The model of the memorial so to be erected shall be first approved by the said Commission and by the Joint Committee on the Library, the same to be presented to the people of the United States without cost to the Government of the United States: *Provided*, That the cost of custodian maintenance of the edifice contemplated by this Act will be borne perpetually by the organization undertaking its original construction.

Mohandas K. Gandhi.
Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Approval of model.

Cost of custodian maintenance.

Approved September 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 588]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to provide survivorship benefits for widows or widowers of persons retiring under such Act.

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[Public Law 310]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 (b) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Any officer or employee retiring under the provisions of section 1, 2, or 6 of this Act may, at the time of retirement, elect to receive in lieu of the life annuity described herein a reduced annuity and an annuity after death payable to his or her surviving widow or widower designated by such officer or employee at time of retirement equal to 50 per centum of such life annuity. The life annuity of the officer or employee making such election shall be reduced by 5 per centum of so much thereof as does not exceed $1,500, plus 10 per centum of the balance of such life annuity, and shall be further reduced by three-fourths of 1 per centum of such life annuity for each full year, if any, the designated wife or husband is under the age of sixty at the date

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.
46 Stat. 471.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 698 (b).

Reduced annuity; widow's annuity.
46 Stat. 468, 469, 472.
5 U. S. C. §§ 712, 714; Supp. II, §§ 691, 710, 711, 715.
Ante, pp. 475, 577, 609, 663.