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To provide for the recognition and designation of the official society to administer and coordinate activities in the United States to commemorate and celebrate the achievements of the second millennium and to promote even greater achievements in the millennium to come by endowing an international cross-cultural scholarship fund to further the development and education of the world's future leaders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. STEARNS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CLEMENT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. FROST, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. LEACH,, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. MARTINEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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

A BILL

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greater achievements in the millennium to come by endowing an international cross-cultural scholarship fund to further the development and education of the world's future leaders.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
 5 “Millennium Society Act of 1997”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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TITLE I—RECOGNITION OF THE MILLENNIUM SOCIETY

Sec. 101. Findings.

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Sec. 104. Conformance of articles of incorporation and bylaws.

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Sec. 120. Reports to President and Congress on operations.

TITLE II—COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS

Sec. 201. Sense of Congress.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the term “Society” means the Millennium
4 Society recognized under section 103; and

5 (2) the term “Millennium Scholars Program”
6 means the international scholarship program estab-
7 lished, endowed, and administered by the Society, as
8 described in section 105(6).

9 **TITLE I—RECOGNITION OF THE**
10 **MILLENNIUM SOCIETY**

11 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

12 Congress finds that—

13 (1) the advent of the year 2000 and the third
14 millennium provides the citizens of the United
15 States an opportunity to celebrate the achievements
16 of civilization to date and to promote even greater
17 achievements in the millennium to come;

18 (2) as the United States approaches the third
19 millennium, it is fitting and proper that the citizens
20 of the United States join the citizens from other na-
21 tions around the world in the international celebra-
22 tion of the new millennium in a manner which en-
23 courages freedom and international peace and un-
24 derstanding;

25 (3) the advent of the third millennium offers
26 opportunity to bring together young women and men

1 of excellence from throughout the world, without dis-
2 tinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, in a
3 manner which will foster international fellowship and
4 free and open discourse between all peoples on an
5 unofficial and nongovernmental basis; and

6 (4) it is appropriate and desirable, therefore, to
7 designate the Millennium Society to coordinate ac-
8 tivities in the United States that celebrate the sec-
9 ond millennium and the achievements of civilization
10 through the second millennium and to promote even
11 greater achievements in the third millennium, to co-
12 ordinate those activities with international efforts,
13 and to endow and administer a private scholarship
14 program to prepare young leaders from around the
15 world for the future millennium.

16 **SEC. 102. PURPOSES.**

17 The purposes of this title are—

18 (1) to recognize the Millennium Society—

19 (A) to promote and coordinate activities in
20 the United States to commemorate and cele-
21 brate the achievements of the second millen-
22 nium;

23 (B) to coordinate these activities with
24 international efforts; and

1 (C) to administer an international scholar-
2 ship program to support the education of young
3 leaders from around the world to promote even
4 greater achievements in the next millennium;

5 (2) to foster international fellowship and free
6 and open discourse between all peoples on an unoffi-
7 cial and nongovernmental basis, helping to develop
8 friendly relations among nations and individuals to
9 promote the cause of freedom and peace;

10 (3) to promote international understanding, tol-
11 erance, freedom, peace, cooperation, and genuine
12 friendship by bringing together young women and
13 men of excellence, leaders in the arts, sciences, edu-
14 cation, religion, communications, agriculture, fi-
15 nance, government, business, journalism, athletics,
16 diplomacy, medicine, law, and other professions and
17 fields of endeavor, from throughout the world for
18 charitable fundraising, education, international ex-
19 change and communication, and other such chari-
20 table purposes;

21 (4) to sponsor educational conferences, chari-
22 table fundraisers, and other charitable activities, in-
23 cluding sponsorship of the World Millennium Char-
24 ity Ball (an international gathering of diverse young
25 leaders from all continents of the world on Decem-

1 ber 31, 1999), to celebrate the dawn of the third
2 millennium; and

3 (5) to provide for a Millennium Scholars Pro-
4 gram, an international cross-cultural scholarship
5 program for preparing young leaders from around
6 the world for even greater achievements in the next
7 millennium by furthering their education, leadership
8 abilities, cultural understanding, and dedication to
9 peace.

10 **SEC. 103. RECOGNITION OF THE MILLENNIUM SOCIETY.**

11 (a) RECOGNITION.—The following organizations are
12 recognized as the “Millennium Society”:

13 (1) The Millennium Society, a nonprofit cor-
14 poration of the United States chartered and orga-
15 nized under the laws of the State of Illinois on No-
16 vember 21, 1983, and operated exclusively for chari-
17 table and educational purposes within the meaning
18 of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
19 1986, including its members and directors.

20 (2) Any other organization that—

21 (A) is organized and operated by the cor-
22 poration referred to in paragraph (1); and

23 (B) is operated exclusively for charitable
24 and educational purposes within the meaning of

1 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
2 of 1986.

3 (b) OFFICES.—The Society shall maintain its prin-
4 cipal offices and national headquarters in such place in
5 the United States as is determined by the Society, and
6 may hold its annual and special meetings in such places
7 as the Society shall determine.

8 **SEC. 104. CONFORMANCE OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORA-**
9 **TION AND BYLAWS.**

10 The board of directors of the Society shall take such
11 actions as are necessary to conform the articles of incorpo-
12 ration and bylaws of the Society to the provisions of this
13 Act.

14 **SEC. 105. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY.**

15 The objects and purposes of the Society are—

16 (1) to establish national goals for commemora-
17 tion and celebration of the millennium in the United
18 States and participation by the United States in
19 such international events;

20 (2) to promote and support official celebrations
21 of the millennium in the United States and to co-
22 ordinate those celebrations with international com-
23 memorations and celebrations of the millennium;

24 (3) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, either di-
25 rectly or through its constituent members or organs,

1 over all matters pertaining to the participation of
2 the United States in commemorations or celebra-
3 tions of the millennium;

4 (4) to assist organizations and persons con-
5 cerned with the millennium in commemorations or
6 celebrations of the millennium;

7 (5) to coordinate activities and hold forums and
8 symposiums to promote educational and cross-cul-
9 tural exchange; and

10 (6) to establish, endow, and administer the Mil-
11 lennium Scholars Program, an international scholar-
12 ship program that provides for university level ex-
13 change for exceptional young women and men from
14 all regions of the world and all pursuits who have
15 proven leadership abilities, true academic superi-
16 ority, and a demonstrated desire to further inter-
17 national understanding in order to better prepare
18 those young leaders for greater achievements in the
19 next millennium by furthering their education, lead-
20 ership abilities, cultural understanding, and dedica-
21 tion to freedom and peace.

22 **SEC. 106. POWERS OF THE SOCIETY.**

23 The Society is authorized—

24 (1) to adopt and amend articles of incorpora-
25 tion and bylaws for the management of its property

1 and the regulation of its affairs, not inconsistent
2 with the laws of the United States or any State in
3 which the corporation is to operate;

4 (2) to adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;

5 (3) to choose officers, managers, and agents as
6 the business of the Society may require;

7 (4) to approve and revoke membership in the
8 Society;

9 (5) to charge and collect membership dues;

10 (6) to determine the criteria for and establish
11 subsidiary organs and chapters as may be necessary
12 to the purposes of the Society;

13 (7) to sue and be sued, complain, and defend in
14 any court of competent jurisdiction;

15 (8) to make contracts;

16 (9) to establish and maintain offices for the
17 conduct of the affairs of the Society;

18 (10) to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and
19 personal property as may be necessary for the pur-
20 poses of the Society;

21 (11) to accept gifts, legacies, and devises in fur-
22 therance of its Society purposes;

23 (12) to borrow money to carry out the purposes
24 of the Society, including to issue notes, bonds, or
25 other evidences of indebtedness, and to secure the

1 same by mortgage, subject in each case to the laws
2 of the United States or of any State;

3 (13) to provide financial assistance to any orga-
4 nization or association, other than a corporation or-
5 ganized for profit, in furtherance of the purposes of
6 the Society;

7 (14) to conduct campaigns for raising funds
8 and to accept contributions from individuals, cor-
9 porations, and other bodies, foundations, and organi-
10 zations;

11 (15) to mint, create, and distribute commemo-
12 rative coins and medals, edit, publish, make, display,
13 and sell books and magazines, pictures, slides, com-
14 pact discs, videos, cinemas and other commemorative
15 items as may be necessary or desirable for the ac-
16 complishment of the purposes of the Society;

17 (16) to buy, sell, and generally deal in appro-
18 priate and related souvenirs, commemorative coins
19 and medals, curios, mementos, and publications;

20 (17) to publish a newsletter, magazine, book, or
21 other publication and exclusively produce and broad-
22 cast on radio, television, film and other media, con-
23 sistent with Society purposes;

1 (18) to participate in the production of an
2 international celebration and sanction related events
3 within the United States; and

4 (19) to do any and all acts and things nec-
5 essary and proper to carry out the purposes of the
6 Society.

7 **SEC. 107. NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF SOCIETY.**

8 The Society shall be nonpolitical and nonpartisan
9 and, as an organization, shall not promote the candidacy
10 of any person seeking public office.

11 **SEC. 108. MEMBERSHIP.**

12 Eligibility for membership in the Society and the
13 rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided
14 in this chapter, be determined as the articles of incorpora-
15 tion and bylaws of the Society may provide.

16 **SEC. 109. ACTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

17 (a) COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMAN.—The control and
18 management of the affairs and funds of the Society shall
19 be vested in a board of directors, as provided in the arti-
20 cles of incorporation of the Society.

21 (b) TERMS.—The term of each of the members of the
22 board of directors shall be as provided in the articles of
23 incorporation or bylaws of the society. The Board shall
24 elect a permanent board of directors on or before January
25 1, 2001, to administer the Millennium Scholars Program.

1 (c) MEETINGS.—The board of directors shall meet
2 not less than twice annually, and at such other times as
3 may be determined in the manner provided in the articles
4 of incorporation or bylaws of the Society. No meeting of
5 the board of directors may be held except at a time and
6 place stated in the bylaws or in a written notice that is
7 transmitted to each member at the time and in the man-
8 ner provided in the bylaws.

9 (d) ELECTION AND REMOVAL.—Directors of the So-
10 ciety shall be elected at the times and in the manner pro-
11 vided by the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the
12 Society and may be removed from office in the manner
13 provided by the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

14 **SEC. 110. OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZED POSITIONS.—The officers of the So-
16 ciety shall be those provided in the articles of incorpora-
17 tion and bylaws of the Society. The board of directors may
18 modify the composition of the offices of the Society as the
19 board considers appropriate.

20 (b) PRIVILEGES.—Subject to the provisions of this
21 Act and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the
22 Society, the privileges of the officers of the Society shall
23 be those prescribed by the board of directors of the Soci-
24 ety.

1 (c) COMPENSATION.—Officers of the board may re-
2 ceive compensation or other remuneration for their serv-
3 ices, as determined by the board of directors. An officer
4 may be reimbursed, with the approval of the board of di-
5 rectors, for expenses that the officer incurs in the perform-
6 ance of the duties of the office.

7 (d) ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.—Officers of
8 the Society shall be elected annually by action of the board
9 of directors and shall continue in office at the pleasure
10 of the board.

11 (e) DUTIES.—The duties of the officers of the Society
12 shall be such as usually pertain to the offices they hold
13 and shall also include such additional duties as may be
14 delegated by the board of directors.

15 (f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER PERSON-
16 NEL.—The board of directors may employ an executive di-
17 rector and such other paid employees as may be necessary
18 to assist the officers and the board and to carry out the
19 programs and business of the Society. The executive direc-
20 tor and the other employees shall serve at the pleasure
21 of the board of directors. The board of directors shall fix
22 the compensation and prescribe the duties of the executive
23 director and such other paid employees.

1 **SEC. 111. PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME OR**
2 **ASSETS AND ON LOANS TO MEMBERS.**

3 (a) INCOME AND ASSETS.—Except as provided in
4 subsections (c) and (f) of section 110, no part of the in-
5 come or assets of the Society shall inure to any of its mem-
6 bers, directors, officers, or employees, or be distributable
7 to any of them during the life of the Society or upon its
8 dissolution or final liquidation.

9 (b) LOANS.—The Society may not make loans to offi-
10 cers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for
11 or assents to the making of a loan or advance to an officer,
12 director, or employee of the Society, and any officer who
13 participates in the making of such loan or advance shall
14 be jointly and severally liable to the Society for the amount
15 of such loan or advance until the repayment thereof.

16 **SEC. 112. LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS.**

17 The Society shall be liable for the acts of its officers
18 and agents when acting within the scope of their author-
19 ity.

20 **SEC. 113. PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF STOCK OR**
21 **PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS.**

22 The Society shall have no power to issue capital stock
23 or to declare or pay any dividends.

24 **SEC. 114. SYMBOLS, EMBLEMS, TRADEMARKS, AND NAMES.**

25 (a) EXCLUSIVE RIGHT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the preexisting
2 rights described in subsection (b), the Society shall
3 have the sole and exclusive right to use the name the
4 “Millennium Society” and to have and use in carry-
5 ing out its purpose the following trademarks, sym-
6 bols, insignia, emblems, seals, descriptive or des-
7 ignating marks, and slogans in the furtherance of its
8 functions:

9 (A) “Countdown 2000”.

10 (B) “How to do something great for civili-
11 zation and have a ball doing it”.

12 (C) “Millennium Scholars Program”.

13 (D) “Millennium Scholar”.

14 (E) “Millennium Scholars”.

15 (F) “Dollars for Scholars”.

16 (G) “Millennium Minute”.

17 (2) AUTHORIZED USE BY OTHERS.—The Soci-
18 ety may authorize contributors and suppliers of
19 goods or services to use the trade name of the Soci-
20 ety, as well as any trademarks, symbols, insignia,
21 emblems, seals, descriptive or designating marks,
22 and slogans of the Society in advertising that the
23 contributions, goods, or services were donated, sup-
24 plied, or furnished to or for the use of, approved, se-
25 lected, or used by the Society.

1 (b) UNAUTHORIZED USE.—

2 (1) REMEDIES.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), any person who, without the consent of
4 the Society, uses for the purpose of trade, to induce
5 the sale of any goods or services, or to promote any
6 theatrical exhibition, performance, or competition
7 any trademark, symbol, insignia, emblem, seal, de-
8 scriptive or designating mark, or slogan described in
9 subsection (a)(1) shall be subject to suit in a civil
10 action by the Society for the remedies provided in
11 the Act of July 5, 1946 (60 Stat. 427; 15 U.S.C.
12 1051 et seq.; popularly known as the “Trademark
13 Act of 1946”).

14 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Any person who actually
15 used the trademark, symbol, insignia, emblem, seal,
16 descriptive or designating mark, or slogan described
17 in subsection (a)(1) for any lawful purpose before
18 the date of enactment of this Act is not prohibited
19 by this section from continuing such lawful use for
20 the same purpose and for the same goods or serv-
21 ices. Any person who used, or whose assignor used,
22 any other trademark, symbol, insignia, emblem, seal,
23 descriptive or designating mark, or slogan described
24 in subsection (a)(1) for any lawful purpose before
25 the date of enactment of this Act is not prohibited

1 by this section from continuing such lawful use for
2 the same purpose and for the same goods and serv-
3 ices.

4 **SEC. 115. AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS.**

5 As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power
6 or privilege granted or conferred under this title, the Soci-
7 ety shall file in the office of the Secretary of State, or
8 similar office, in each State the name and post office ad-
9 dress of an authorized agent of the Society in such State
10 upon whom local process or demands against the Society
11 may be served.

12 **SEC. 116. BOOKS AND RECORDS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Society shall—

14 (1) keep correct and complete books and
15 records of account and shall keep minutes of the
16 proceedings of its members, board of directors, and
17 committees having any authority under the board of
18 directors; and

19 (2) keep at its principal office a record of the
20 names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

21 (b) INSPECTIONS.—All books and records of the cor-
22 poration may be inspected by any member entitled to vote,
23 or the agent or attorney of such member, for any proper
24 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1 **SEC. 117. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**

2 Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for
3 audit of accounts of private corporations established under
4 Federal law,” approved August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C.
5 1101) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(78) The Millennium Society.”.

7 **SEC. 118. USE OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDA-**
8 **TION.**

9 Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Society,
10 after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obliga-
11 tions and liabilities, any remaining assets of the Society
12 shall be distributed in accordance with the determination
13 of the board of directors of the Society and in compliance
14 with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Society
15 and all Federal and State laws applicable thereto.

16 **SEC. 119. RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL**
17 **CHAPTER.**

18 The right to alter, amend, or repeal this title at any
19 time is hereby expressly reserved.

20 **SEC. 120. REPORTS TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ON OP-**
21 **ERATIONS.**

22 The Society shall, on or before June 1 of each year,
23 transmit simultaneously to the President and to each
24 House of Congress a detailed report of its operations for
25 the preceding calendar year. The report shall include a
26 complete statement of its receipts and expenditures and

1 a comprehensive description of the activities and accom-
2 plishments of the Society during the preceding year. Cop-
3 ies of the report shall be made available by the Society
4 to interested persons at a reasonable cost.

5 **TITLE II—COMMEMORATIVE**
6 **POSTAGE STAMPS**

7 **SEC. 201. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
9 Postal Service should cooperate with the Society—

10 (1) in the issuance of appropriate first day of
11 issuance postage stamps commemorating the end of
12 the second millennium and the advent of the third
13 millennium; and

14 (2) in the production of a philatelic numismatic
15 combination as a unique item to be made available
16 to the public to commemorate the end of the second
17 millennium and the advent of the third millennium.

