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To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to The National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. THE NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME.**

4 Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code,
5 is amended by inserting after chapter 1533 the following
6 new chapter:

7 **“CHAPTER 1534—THE NATIONAL TEACHERS**
8 **HALL OF FAME**

“Sec.

“153401. Organization.

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1 **“§ 153401. Organization**

2 “(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The National Teachers
 3 Hall of Fame, Inc., incorporated in Kansas, is a federally
 4 chartered corporation.

5 “(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation
 6 does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the
 7 charter granted by this chapter expires.

8 **“§ 153402. Purposes**

9 “The purposes of the corporation are as provided in
 10 its bylaws and articles of incorporation and include—

11 “(1) recognizing meritorious teachers by—

12 “(A) sponsoring a teacher recognition pro-
 13 gram that is open to all teachers in the United
 14 States of grades from pre-kindergarten through
 15 12th grade and that uses a national committee
 16 to review, evaluate, and select deserving teach-
 17 ers annually for induction into the Hall of
 18 Fame; and

19 “(B) promoting other teacher recognition
 20 programs throughout the United States;

1 “(2) bringing honor and recognition to all
2 teachers and to the teaching profession by present-
3 ing exhibits and displays, and by sponsoring pro-
4 grams and activities, that—

5 “(A) provide individuals with opportunities
6 to honor and recognize the special teachers in
7 their lives;

8 “(B) commend teachers throughout the
9 history of the United States whose dedication,
10 commitment, sacrifice, and quiet heroism have
11 helped the United States to progress further
12 and faster than virtually any other Nation on
13 earth;

14 “(C) portray teachers in their historical
15 and contemporary settings and show how their
16 contributions enrich American values, spirit,
17 and life; and

18 “(D) heighten public awareness of the vi-
19 tally important function of teachers in prepar-
20 ing children to become successful adult citizens
21 in society;

22 “(3) sponsoring national conferences, seminars,
23 institutes, and workshops on topics relating to teach-
24 ing, including topics such as professional develop-

1 ment, effective teaching methods, the role of teach-
2 ers, and teaching as a profession;

3 “(4) utilizing the invaluable teaching experi-
4 ences, expertise, and accomplishments of Hall of
5 Fame inductees by promoting, coordinating, and fa-
6 cilitating the use of the inductees as speakers, con-
7 sultants, and resources to school districts, busi-
8 nesses, and government agencies;

9 “(5) sponsoring and coordinating programs that
10 use technology to foster communications among
11 teachers, administrators, parents, students, govern-
12 mental agencies, businesses, and the public at large;
13 and

14 “(6) promoting appropriate change in education
15 by fostering a greater understanding of the potential
16 functions that people, technology, and emerging
17 forces and trends can perform in the teaching enter-
18 prise.

19 **“§ 153403. Operation**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The corporation shall operate a
21 facility to be known as The National Teachers Hall of
22 Fame.

23 “(b) DESIGNATION OF COLLECTION.—The collection
24 of The National Teachers Hall of Fame shall be known
25 as The National Teachers Hall of Fame Collection.

1 “(c) EXCLUSIVE RIGHT.—The corporation shall have
2 the sole and exclusive right to use, in carrying out its pur-
3 poses, the name ‘The National Teachers Hall of Fame’
4 and the sole and exclusive right to the use of its corporate
5 seal, emblems, and badges as adopted by the corporation.

6 **“§ 153404. Membership**

7 “Eligibility for membership in the corporation and
8 the rights and privileges of members are as provided in
9 the bylaws of the corporation.

10 **“§ 153405. Governing body**

11 “(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors
12 of the corporation and the responsibilities of the board are
13 as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation of
14 the corporation.

15 “(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of offi-
16 cers of the corporation are as provided in the bylaws and
17 articles of incorporation of the corporation.

18 **“§ 153406. Powers**

19 “‘The corporation has only the powers provided in its
20 bylaws and articles of incorporation in the State of Kansas
21 and in the certificate of authority in any other State in
22 which the corporation is, or shall be, qualified to do busi-
23 ness.

1 **“§ 153407. Restrictions**

2 “(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may
3 not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

4 “(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a
5 director or officer, acting as such director or officer, may
6 not contribute to, support, or participate in any political
7 activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

8 “(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The in-
9 come or assets of the corporation may not inure to the
10 benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or mem-
11 ber during the life of the charter granted by this chapter.
12 This subsection does not prevent the payment of reason-
13 able compensation to an officer or reimbursement for ac-
14 tual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board
15 of directors.

16 “(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan
17 to a director, officer, or employee.

18 “(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AU-
19 THORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congres-
20 sional approval or the authority of the United States Gov-
21 ernment for any of its activities.

22 **“§ 153408. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-ex-**
23 **empt status**

24 “(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall
25 maintain its corporate status as a corporation incor-
26 porated under the laws of the State of Kansas.

1 “(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall
2 maintain its status as an organization exempt from tax-
3 ation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
4 1 et seq.).

5 **“§ 153409. Records and inspection**

6 “(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

7 “(1) correct and complete records of account;

8 “(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members,
9 board of directors, and committees; and

10 “(3) at its principal office, a record of the
11 names and addresses of its members entitled to vote,
12 if any.

13 “(b) INSPECTION.—Any officer or director, or any
14 member entitled to vote (if any), or an agent or attorney
15 of such officer, director, or member, may inspect the
16 records of the corporation for any proper purpose at any
17 reasonable time.

18 **“§ 153410. Service of process**

19 “The corporation shall comply with the law on service
20 of process of the State of Kansas and in each State in
21 which it carries on activities.

22 **“§ 153411. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

23 “The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers
24 and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

1 **“§ 153412. Annual report**

2 “The corporation shall submit an annual report to
3 Congress on the activities of the corporation during the
4 prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the
5 same time as the report of the audit required by section
6 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a
7 public document.

8 **“§ 153413. Definitions**

9 “For purposes of this chapter—

10 “(1) the term ‘corporation’ means The National
11 Teachers Hall of Fame, Inc., incorporated in Kan-
12 sas; and

13 “(2) the term ‘State’ includes the District of
14 Columbia and the territories and possessions of the
15 United States.”.

16 **SEC. 2. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

17 The table of chapters at the beginning of subtitle II
18 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting
19 after the item relating to chapter 1533 the following new
20 item:

“1534. THE NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME153401”.

