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# H. R. 3913

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2000

Mr. LEACH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) It is in the national interest of the United  
6       States to promote mutual understanding between  
7       the people of the United States and other nations.

1           (2) Among the means to be used in achieving  
2           this objective are a wide range of international edu-  
3           cational and exchange programs, including the J.  
4           William Fulbright Educational Exchange Program  
5           and the International Visitors Program.

6           (3) United States Government financial support  
7           for international cultural and scholarly exchanges  
8           has declined by approximately 10 percent in recent  
9           years.

10          (4) There is a long and distinguished tradition  
11          in United States higher education of endowed con-  
12          tributions by individuals, corporations, and founda-  
13          tions to create scholarships or faculty chairs des-  
14          ignated in recognition of the contributor.

15 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ENDOWMENT PAYMENTS**  
16 **AND DESIGNATE PROGRAMS.**

17          Section 105(f) of the Mutual Educational and Cul-  
18          tural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2455(f)) is  
19          amended—

20               (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(f)”; and

21               (2) by adding at the end the following new  
22          paragraph:

23               “(2) In the sole discretion of the Secretary of  
24          State, the Secretary is authorized to accept contribu-  
25          tions of funds as an endowment for the purpose of

1       longterm financial support for particular educational  
2       and cultural exchange programs to carry out the  
3       purposes of this Act. The Secretary is authorized to  
4       designate a program in recognition of such endow-  
5       ment contributions if the program has not been des-  
6       ignated by law.”.

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