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S. 943

To authorize the Administrator of General Services to restore, preserve,
and operate the LBJ Presidential Office Suite in Austin, Texas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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store, preserve, and operate the LBJ Presidential Office
Suite in Austin, Texas.

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. PRESERVATION OF LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON**

4 **PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE SUITE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General
6 Services shall restore, preserve, and operate, as historic
7 property, the 2,137 square feet of office and related space
8 in the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street
9 in Austin, Texas, that was used by President Lyndon
10 Baines Johnson as a private office and is commonly known

1 as the “LBJ Presidential Office Suite” (referred to in this
2 section as the “Suite”).

3 (b) RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF SUITE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, in carrying out the restoration and
6 preservation of the Suite, the Administrator shall
7 make every reasonable effort to preserve the histor-
8 ical character of the Suite—

9 (A) by restoring the Suite to a condition
10 resembling its condition during the Presidency
11 of Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

12 (B) by preserving and operating the Suite
13 as a memorial to the Johnson Presidency.

14 (2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out para-
15 graph (1), the Administrator—

16 (A) may consult with the Archivist of the
17 United States; and

18 (B) shall consult with the State Historic
19 Preservation Officer in accordance with the Na-
20 tional Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470
21 et seq.).

22 (c) OPERATION OF SUITE.—The Administrator
23 may—

24 (1) operate the Suite as joint-use space in a
25 condition as described in this section;

(2) make the Suite available, or lease at such rates and on such other terms and conditions as the Administrator determines to be appropriate, to persons, firms, or organizations engaged in commercial activities, cultural activities, educational activities, or recreational activities (as those terms are defined in section 105 of the Public Buildings Cooperative Use Act of 1976 (40 U.S.C. 612a)) for use as a public conference facility and ceremonial meeting place; and

(3) provide suitable technological and conference equipment for use by users of the Suite.

(d) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—In accordance with section 404 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 298a), the Administrator may accept gifts of real, personal, or other property for the purposes of restoring, preserving, and operating the Suite under this section.

(e) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may deposit any amounts or proceeds received under subsections (c) and (d) in the Federal Buildings Fund established by section 210(f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(f)).

1 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts deposited
2 under paragraph (1), the Administrator may expend
3 such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

4 (f) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addition to otherwise
5 available funds, there are appropriated to the Federal
6 Buildings Fund such sums as are necessary for the res-
7 toration, preservation, and operation of the Suite in ac-
8 cordance with this section.

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