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# H. R. 452

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Ronald Reagan Memo-  
5       rial Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserving  
2           of recognition by this and future generations of  
3           Americans and visitors from around the world.

4           (2) As President, Ronald Reagan initiated poli-  
5           cies that won the Cold War, protected and restored  
6           freedom and democracy around the globe, lowered  
7           taxes on American citizens, tamed the economic  
8           threats of inflation and economic stagnation, and  
9           ushered in an unprecedented era of peace and pros-  
10          perity across the Nation, and his contributions merit  
11          permanent memorialization.

12          (3) The legacies of Ronald Reagan include re-  
13          storing faith in our system of democracy and cap-  
14          italism, returning pride in being an American, and  
15          renewing the honor and decency of the American  
16          Presidency, and are deserving of national recogni-  
17          tion.

18          (4) The contributions of former President Ron-  
19          ald Reagan, and his status as a preeminent twen-  
20          tieth-century American statesman and one of the  
21          greatest American Presidents, merit and require a  
22          permanent memorialization alongside the other great  
23          American leaders memorialized on the Mall in the  
24          District of Columbia.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL;**  
2 **LOCATION AND DESIGN.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMO-  
4 RIAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Ronald Reagan Memo-  
6 rial Commission is authorized to establish the Ron-  
7 ald Reagan Memorial in accordance with this Act,  
8 on Federal lands administered by the National Park  
9 Service in the District of Columbia.

10 (2) LOCATION.—The memorial shall be situated  
11 in a location that is—

12 (A) recommended by the Ronald Reagan  
13 Memorial Commission; and

14 (B) in the area on the Mall west of the  
15 Capitol and east of the Lincoln Memorial, and  
16 within the area referred to in the Commemora-  
17 tive Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) as  
18 Area I.

19 (b) DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIAL  
20 COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—  
21 The National Capital Memorial Commission and the Sec-  
22 retary of the Interior shall assist the members of the Ron-  
23 ald Reagan Memorial Commission—

24 (1) in the preparation of a recommendation to  
25 the Congress of a permanent location for the memo-  
26 rial; and

1           (2) the selection of a design for the memorial  
2           and the grounds of the memorial.

3           (c) DETAIL OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR EM-  
4 PLOYEES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall detail to  
5 the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission such support  
6 staff as are necessary to assist the members of the com-  
7 mission in carrying out its responsibilities.

8           (d) BEGINNING OF PROCESS.—The Ronald Reagan  
9 Memorial Commission shall begin the process of recom-  
10 mending a location and selecting a design for the memorial  
11 no later than six months after the date of enactment of  
12 this Act.

13          (e) MARKER.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall erect, at  
15           the site approved by the Congress for the memorial,  
16           a suitable marker designating the site as the “Fu-  
17           ture Site of the Ronald Reagan Memorial”.

18           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The marker shall be—

19                   (A) installed by the Secretary no later than  
20                   three months after the date of the enactment of  
21                   a law approving the location for the memorial;

22                   (B) no smaller than three feet square and  
23                   constructed of durable material suitable to the  
24                   outdoor environment; and

1 (C) maintained at the location by the Sec-  
2 retary until the memorial is completed, dedi-  
3 cated, and open to the public.

4 (f) RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMEMORATIVE WORKS  
5 ACT.—Sections 3(c), 7(a)(2), and 8(a)(1) of the Com-  
6 memorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1003(c), 1007(a)(2),  
7 1008(a)(1)) shall not apply to the memorial.

8 **SEC. 4. RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a com-  
10 mission, to be known as the Ronald Reagan Memorial  
11 Commission. The commission shall—

12 (1) be comprised of—

13 (A) the Chairman of the National Capital  
14 Memorial Commission;

15 (B) one member appointed by the Speaker  
16 of the House of Representatives by no later  
17 than six months after the date of the enactment  
18 of this Act; and

19 (C) one member appointed by the majority  
20 leader of the Senate by no later than six  
21 months after the date of the enactment of this  
22 Act;

23 (2) be chaired by one of its members, to be des-  
24 igned jointly by the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives and the majority leader of the Senate;

1           (3) meet no later than one month after its  
2           members are appointed, and at such other times as  
3           may be necessary; and

4           (4) be exempt from the Federal Advisory Com-  
5           mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

6           (b) DUTIES.—The Ronald Reagan Memorial Com-  
7           mission shall—

8           (1) raise necessary funds from private sector  
9           sources to design, construct, and maintain the me-  
10          morial;

11          (2) in cooperation with the National Capital  
12          Memorial Commission and the Secretary of the Inte-  
13          rior, determine and recommend to the Congress a  
14          permanent location for the memorial;

15          (3) select a design for the memorial from pro-  
16          posals solicited and accepted from qualified Amer-  
17          ican architects; and

18          (4) issue a report to the Congress and the  
19          President on its activities every six months after its  
20          first meeting, and issue a final report to the Con-  
21          gress and the President, including a recommended  
22          location and final design for the memorial, no later  
23          than February 6, 2003.

24          (c) TERMINATION.—The commission shall terminate  
25          not later than 90 days after completion of the memorial.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means  
4 the Ronald Reagan Memorial authorized by this Act.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

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