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H. R. 3753

To provide for the restoration of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. HOLDEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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National Memorial, and for other purposes.

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. RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BEN-**
4 **JAMIN FRANKLIN NATIONAL MEMORIAL.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ACTIVITIES; COOPERATIVE
6 AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior, through the
7 National Park Service, shall rehabilitate and make im-
8 provements to the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial,
9 including the Memorial Hall and the Franklin statue, lo-
10 cated in The Franklin Institute Science Museum in Phila-

1 delphia, Pennsylvania. The Secretary may enter into a co-
2 operative agreement with The Franklin Institute to carry
3 out the activities under this section.

4 (b) ACTIVITIES.—Activities under subsection (a)
5 shall include the following:

6 (1) Repair and restoration of the dome of the
7 Memorial Hall.

8 (2) Construction of ramps and handrails in The
9 Franklin Institute to improve access to the Memo-
10 rial.

11 (3) Cleaning and refurbishing the entrance
12 stairs, marble walls, and floors of the Memorial Hall.

13 (4) Cleaning and refurbishing the Franklin
14 statue located in the Memorial Hall.

15 (5) Creation of an updated visitor education ex-
16 perience for the Memorial that includes sound, video,
17 and holographic technologies.

18 (6) Updated lighting and signage, appropriate
19 inscription of inspirational quotations, and audio-
20 visual additions to enhance the experience of visitors
21 to the Memorial.

22 (7) Creation of a 10,000 square foot exhibit ad-
23 jacent to the Memorial Hall dedicated to Benjamin
24 Franklin.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
3 rior to carry out this section, \$10,000,000 for fiscal years
4 2005 through 2009.

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