

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1645

To provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mr. GERLACH (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PLATTS, Ms. HART, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 “Benjamin Franklin
5 National Memorial Commemoration Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NATIONAL MEMORIAL.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior may provide a grant
3 to the Franklin Institute to—

4 (1) rehabilitate the Benjamin Franklin National
5 Memorial (including the Franklin statue) in Phila-
6 delphia, Pennsylvania; and

7 (2) develop an interpretive exhibit relating to
8 Benjamin Franklin, to be displayed at a museum ad-
9 jacent to the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
12 priated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000.

13 (b) REQUIRED MATCH.—The Secretary of the Inte-
14 rior shall require the Franklin Institute to match any
15 amounts provided to the Franklin Institute under this Act.

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