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H. R. 1693

To authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2007

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. SIRES, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. CLAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

2 Congress finds that the contributions of free persons
3 and slaves who fought during the American Revolution
4 were of preeminent historical and lasting significance to
5 the United States, as required by section 8908(b)(1) of
6 title 40, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 3. THE NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL.**

8 Public Law 99–558 (40 U.S.C. 8903 note; 100 Stat.
9 3144) is amended—

10 (1) in section 1—

11 (A) in the first sentence—

12 (i) by striking “The Black Revolu-
13 tionary War Patriots Foundation is au-
14 thorized to establish a memorial” and in-
15 serting the following—

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—National Mall Liberty Fund
17 D.C. may establish a memorial (referred to in this Act
18 as the ‘memorial’); and

19 (ii) by striking “Federal land in the
20 District of Columbia and its environs” and
21 inserting “the Federal land in the District
22 of Columbia described in subsection (b)”;
23 and

24 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-
25 serting the following:

1 “(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land re-
2 ferred to in subsection (a) is the portion of land at Con-
3 stitution Gardens, located on the south side of Constitu-
4 tion Lake and west of the island, that was previously se-
5 lected as the site for the memorial.

6 “(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The memorial shall be es-
7 tablished in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United
8 States Code.”; and

9 (2) in section 2, by striking “The Black Revolu-
10 tionary War Patriots Foundation” and inserting
11 “National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.”.

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