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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Reported by Mr. BIDEN, with amendments

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited ~~as~~ as the “Public Diplomacy
 5 Resource Centers Act of ~~2007~~2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LI-
3 BRARIES.—Section 1(b)(3) of the State Department Basic
4 Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(b)(3)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
9 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(F) provide for the establishment of new
13 and the maintenance of existing libraries and
14 resource centers at or in connection with United
15 States diplomatic and consular missions.”.

16 (b) OPERATION OF LIBRARIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
18 ensure that libraries and resource centers estab-
19 lished and maintained in accordance with subpara-
20 graph (F) of section 1(b)(3) of the State Depart-
21 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (as added by
22 section 2(a)(3) of this Act) are open to the general
23 public to the greatest extent practicable, subject to
24 policies and procedures established by the Secretary
25 to ensure the safety and security of United States
26 diplomatic and consular missions and of United

1 States officers, employees, and personnel posted at
 2 such missions at which such libraries are located.

3 (2) ~~JOHNNY GRANT FILM SERIES~~SHOWINGS OF
 4 ~~AMERICAN FILMS.~~~~The~~*To the extent practicable, the*
 5 Secretary of State shall ensure that such libraries
 6 and resource centers schedule public showings of
 7 American films that showcase American culture, so-
 8 ciety, values, and history. ~~Such public showings shall~~
 9 ~~be known as the “Johnny Grant Film Series”.~~

10 ~~(c) RECEIPT OF DONATIONS.~~~~The~~ Secretary of
 11 State may accept donations that are made to the libraries
 12 and resource centers authorized under this Act if the Sec-
 13 retary determines that such receipt will not result in any
 14 cost to the Federal Government.

15 ~~(d)~~(c) ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLO-
 16 MACY.~~The~~*Not later than one year after the date of the*
 17 *enactment of this Act, the* Advisory Commission on Public
 18 Diplomacy (authorized under section 1334 of the Foreign
 19 Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
 20 6553)) shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs
 21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
 22 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report containing ~~and an~~
 23 evaluation of the functions and effectiveness of the librar-
 24 ies and resource centers that are authorized under this
 25 Act.

1 ~~(e)~~(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In ad-
2 dition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be ap-
3 propriated to the Department of State to carry out pur-
4 poses similar to those required under this Act, there are
5 authorized to the Secretary of State such sums as may
6 be necessary to carry out this Act.

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