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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 shall be known as the “Library of Congress
5 Public Diplomacy Collection Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLIC DIPLOMACY COL-**
2 **LECTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian of Congress shall
4 create a collection of materials of various media, print,
5 audio, and visual for use in libraries and resource centers
6 operated by the Department of State under the provisions
7 of section 112(a)(4) of the Mutual Educational and Cul-
8 tural Exchange Act of 1961 (commonly referred to as the
9 Fulbright-Hays Act).

10 (b) CONTENTS.—The collection shall include a broad
11 cross-section of materials of various media, print, audio,
12 and visual. The collection should include materials which
13 provide insight into United States culture, principles and
14 values, law and civics, and democracy, and shall be avail-
15 able for public use.

16 (c) DONATIONS.—The Librarian may accept dona-
17 tions of materials that are made to the collection if the
18 Librarian determines that such receipt will not result in
19 any cost to the Federal Government.

20 (d) AVAILABILITY.—The Librarian shall make mate-
21 rials in the collection available upon request to any Chief
22 of Mission at a United States Embassy or Consulate, and
23 shall provide for the conveyance of such materials to a
24 Department of State library or resource center, and for
25 their return to the collection.

1 (e) JOHNNY GRANT FILM SERIES.—As part of the
2 collection, the Librarian shall maintain a separate collec-
3 tion of American films that showcase United States cul-
4 ture, society, values, and principles. Such collection shall
5 be known as the “Johnny Grant Film Series”. Such films
6 shall be made available to Chiefs of Mission for foreign
7 public viewing in host countries under the provisions of
8 subsection (d).

9 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.**

10 The Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy (au-
11 thorized under section 1334 of the Foreign Affairs Reform
12 and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6553)) shall
13 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
15 tions of the Senate a biennial report containing and eval-
16 uation of the functions and effectiveness of activities au-
17 thorized under this Act.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.—There are authorized
20 to be appropriated to the Librarian of Congress such sums
21 as may be necessary to carry out the Librarian’s respon-
22 sibilities under this Act.

23 (b) SECRETARY OF STATE.—In addition to amounts
24 that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the
25 Secretary of State to carry out purposes similar to those

1 required under this Act, there are authorized to be appro-
2 priated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary
3 to carry out the Secretary's responsibilities under this Act.

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