

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5424

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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permanent exhibit in any museum or facility of the  
Smithsonian Institution.

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 “Smithsonian Free Ad-  
5       mission Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING ADMISSION FEES FOR PERMANENT**  
7       **EXHIBITS AT SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.**

8       (a) PROHIBITING ADMISSION FEES.—No fee may be  
9       charged for admission to any exhibit which is part of the  
10      permanent collection of any museum or facility which is

1 part of any bureau established in or under the Smithso-  
2 nian Institution, including the National Gallery of Art.

3 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to  
4 the exhibition entitled “Butterflies and Plants: Partners  
5 in Evolution” at the National Museum of Natural History.

