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To remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CORREA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. EVANS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Confederate Monu-
3 ment Removal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS AND REMOVAL PROCEDURES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1814 of the Revised
6 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) is amended by inserting “(other
7 than persons who served voluntarily with the Confederate
8 States of America)” after “military services”.

9 (b) STATUE REMOVAL PROCEDURES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol
11 shall—

12 (A) identify all statues on display in the
13 Capitol of the United States that do not meet
14 the requirements of section 1814 of the Revised
15 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131), as amended by sub-
16 section (a); and

17 (B) subject to the approval of the Joint
18 Committee on the Library of Congress, arrange
19 for the removal of each such statue from the
20 Capitol by not later than 120 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act.

22 (2) REMOVAL AND RETURN OF STATUES.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
24 graph (C), the Architect of the Capitol shall ar-
25 range to transfer and deliver any statue that is

1 removed under this subsection to the Smithso-
2 nian Institution.

3 (B) STORAGE OR DISPLAY OF STATUES.—

4 The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Insti-
5 tution shall follow the policies and procedures
6 of the Smithsonian Institution, as in effect on
7 the day before the date of enactment of this
8 Act, regarding the storage and display of any
9 statue transferred under subparagraph (A).

10 (C) STATE REQUESTS.—A statue provided
11 for display by a State that is removed under
12 this subsection shall be returned to the State,
13 and the ownership of the statue transferred to
14 the State, if the State so requests and agrees
15 to pay any costs related to the transportation of
16 the statue to the State.

17 (3) REPLACEMENT OF STATUES.—A State that
18 has a statue removed under this subsection shall be
19 able to replace such statue in accordance with the
20 requirements and procedures of section 1814 of the
21 Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) and section 311 of
22 the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2
23 U.S.C. 2132).

24 (4) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated
2 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017,
3 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
4 appropriated, \$5,000,000 to carry out this sec-
5 tion, including the costs related to the removal,
6 transfer, security, storage, and display of the
7 statues described in paragraph (1)(A), of
8 which—

9 (i) \$2,000,000 shall be made available
10 to the Architect of the Capitol; and

11 (ii) \$3,000,000 shall be made avail-
12 able to the Smithsonian Institution.

13 (B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appro-
14 priated under subparagraph (A) shall remain
15 available until expended.

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