

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1359

AN ACT

To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “John F. Kennedy Cen-
3 ter Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 13 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20
6 U.S.C. 76r) is amended by striking subsections (a) and
7 (b) and inserting the following:

8 “(a) MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SECURITY.—
9 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Board to
10 carry out section 4(a)(1)(H)—

11 “(1) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;

12 “(2) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;

13 “(3) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

14 “(4) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

15 “(b) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—There are authorized to
16 be appropriated to the Board to carry out subparagraphs
17 (F) and (G) of section 4(a)(1)—

18 “(1) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;

19 “(2) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;

20 “(3) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and

21 “(4) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.”.

22 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR PLAQUE.**

23 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing
25 Arts (referred to in this Act as the “Center”) should—

1 (1) recognize the year 2018 as the 60th anni-
2 versary of the National Cultural Center Act (now
3 known as the “John F. Kennedy Center Act”) (20
4 U.S.C. 76h et seq.), signed into law by President
5 Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 2, 1958; and

6 (2) establish commemorative displays honoring
7 President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the history of
8 the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h et
9 seq.) during the year 2018.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR PLAQUE.—The Center shall
11 place within the Center a plaque containing an inscription
12 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of
13 the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h et seq.)
14 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

15 (c) SPECIFICATIONS.—The plaque shall be—

16 (1)(A) not less than 6 square feet in size; and

17 (B) not more than 18 square feet in size;

18 (2) of any shape that the Trustees of the Cen-
19 ter determine to be appropriate; and

20 (3) placed at a location within the Center ap-
21 proximate to the Eisenhower Theater that the
22 Trustees of the Center determine to be appropriate.

23 (d) FUNDING.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be
25 used to design, procure, or install the plaque.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not affect the payment of salaries, expenses, and benefits otherwise authorized by law for members and employees of the Center who participate in carrying out this section.

(e) PRIVATE FUNDRAISING AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall solicit and accept private contributions for the design, procurement, and installation of the plaque.

(2) ACCOUNTING.—The Center shall—

(A) establish an account into which any contributions received pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be deposited; and

(B) maintain documentation of any contributions received pursuant to paragraph (1).

SEC. 4. COMMEMORATION OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Center should—

(1) recognize the year 2021 as the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Center; and

(2) appropriately acknowledge and commemorate the mission of the Center as a national center for the performing arts and a national memorial to President John F. Kennedy.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPLAYS AND PRO-
2 GRAMS.—The Center may create displays and programs
3 that memorialize the opening of the Center and the pro-
4 grammatic legacy of the Center since its opening in 1971.

Passed the Senate September 6, 2017.

Attest:

Secretary.

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