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H. R. 635

To establish a grant program to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muhammad Ali and promote global respect, understanding, and communication, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RUSH, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish a grant program to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muhammad Ali and promote global respect, understanding, and communication, 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 the “Muhammad Ali Legacy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muham-
2 mad Ali, who dedicated his life to fostering inter-
3 national friendship and to service to those in need,
4 both in the United States and around the world;

5 (2) to promote global respect, understanding,
6 and communication; and

7 (3) to foster the next generation of world lead-
8 ers who will work toward these goals.

9 SEC. 3. MUHAMMAD ALI LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM.

10 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State shall
11 award grants, on such terms and conditions as the Sec-
12 retary may determine, to one or more eligible organiza-
13 tions that—

14 (1) are established to promote global respect,
15 understanding, and communication and to encourage
16 character and leadership development worldwide;
17 and

18 (2) demonstrate a commitment to preserving
19 the legacy of Muhammad Ali.

20 (b) GRANT AGREEMENT.—Each organization award-
21 ed a grant under this section shall enter into an agreement
22 with the Secretary of State. Each such agreement shall
23 require the organization—

24 (1) to develop and provide educational program-
25 ming to prepare prospective leaders in foreign coun-

1 tries to make a profound contribution to global society,
2 including programming that includes peace building,
3 conflict resolution, violence prevention,
4 character education, and education about world cultures,
5 religions, and languages;

6 (2) to act as a global gathering place—both online
7 and in person—for negotiation and mediation;

8 (3) to utilize technology and the Internet to empower
9 people in foreign countries, including adults,
10 young people, educators, and civic, community, religious,
11 and corporate leaders, to dialogue on common
12 interests and concerns, share information, and engage
13 in cross-cultural learning, including by utilizing
14 diverse and multi-layered connections such as
15 videoconferencing, web-based forums, and other
16 modes of communication;

17 (4) to partner with and build a network of organizations
18 and schools already working with adults,
19 young people, educators, and civic, community, religious,
20 and corporate leaders, as well as the Department
21 of State, to reach many people worldwide as
22 quickly as possible;

23 (5) to place a special emphasis on providing a
24 positive, productive path for young people to combat

1 the pull of radicalism, terrorist networks, and orga-
2 nized crime;

3 (6) to support a website providing resources, in
4 a variety of languages, to further the programs and
5 activities described in paragraphs (1) through (5) by
6 making such programs and activities accessible to
7 the general public and able to be utilized by edu-
8 cators to integrate into the classroom; and

9 (7) to submit for each fiscal year for which the
10 organization receives funds from a grant awarded
11 under this section, a report to the Secretary of State
12 that contains—

13 (A) a description of the programs and ac-
14 tivities supported by the funding;

15 (B) the audited financial statement of the
16 organization for the preceding fiscal year;

17 (C) a plan for the programs and activities
18 to be supported by the funding as the Secretary
19 may require; and

20 (D) an evaluation of the programs and ac-
21 tivities supported by the funding as the Sec-
22 retary may require.

23 (c) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
24 tion, the term “eligible organization” means an organiza-

1 tion that is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of
2 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)).

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020 through
6 2022.

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