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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Confederate Monu-
5 ment Removal Act”.

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

7 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1814 of the Revised
8 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) is amended by inserting “(other

1 than persons who served voluntarily with the Confederate
 2 States of America)” after “military services”.

3 (b) STATUE REMOVAL PROCEDURES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol
 5 shall—

6 (A) identify all statues on display in the
 7 Capitol of the United States that do not meet
 8 the requirements of section 1814 of the Revised
 9 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131), as amended by sub-
 10 section (a); and

11 (B) subject to the approval of the Joint
 12 Committee on the Library of Congress, arrange
 13 for the removal of each such statue from the
 14 Capitol by not later than 120 days after the
 15 date of enactment of this Act.

16 (2) REMOVAL AND RETURN OF STATUES.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 18 graph (C), the Architect of the Capitol shall ar-
 19 range to transfer and deliver any statue that is
 20 removed under this subsection to the Smithso-
 21 nian Institution.

22 (B) STORAGE OR DISPLAY OF STATUES.—
 23 The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Insti-
 24 tution shall follow the policies and procedures
 25 of the Smithsonian Institution, as in effect on

1 the day before the date of enactment of this
2 Act, regarding the storage and display of any
3 statue transferred under subparagraph (A).

4 (C) STATE REQUESTS.—A statue provided
5 for display by a State that is removed under
6 this subsection shall be returned to the State,
7 and the ownership of the statue transferred to
8 the State, if the State so requests and agrees
9 to pay any costs related to the transportation of
10 the statue to the State.

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

18 (4) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated
20 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020,
21 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
22 appropriated, \$5,000,000 to carry out this sec-
23 tion, including the costs related to the removal,
24 transfer, security, storage, and display of the

1 statues described in paragraph (1)(A), of
2 which—

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

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

7 (B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appro-
8 priated under subparagraph (A) shall remain
9 available until expended.

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