progress of the planning and construction of the building. Upon completion of the building, the Joint Committee shall submit a final report.

Appropriation. *Post*, p. 461.

SEC. 5. That there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution such sums, not to exceed $36,000,000, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations for this purpose, except such part as may be necessary for the incidental expenses of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution in connection with this project, shall be transferred to the General Services Administration for the performance of the work.

Transfer to GSA.

Approved June 28, 1955.

Public Law 107 CHAPTER 223

June 29, 1955
[S. J. Res. 62]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Dedicating the Lee Mansion in Arlington National Cemetery as a permanent memorial to Robert E. Lee.

Whereas the ninth day of April 1955 is the ninetieth anniversary of the Appomattox cessation of hostilities between our States; and

Whereas of the two great figures therein involved, one, General Ulysses S. Grant, has been highly honored by becoming President of the United States, but the other, Robert E. Lee, has never been suitably memorialized by the National Government; and

Whereas Robert E. Lee had graduated from West Point, dedicated himself to an Army career, and became a colonel in the United States Army, then the commander of the Confederate forces, attained world renown as a military genius, and after Appomattox fervently devoted himself to peace, to the reuniting of the Nation, and to the advancement of youth education and the welfare and progress of mankind, becoming president of the Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia; and

Whereas the desire and hope of Robert E. Lee for peace and unity within our Nation has come to pass in the years since his death, and the United States of America now stands united and firm, indivisible, and unshakable; and

43 Stat. 1356.

Whereas Public Resolution Numbered 74, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved March 4, 1925, provided for the physical restoration of the Lee Mansion but did not dedicate the same as a permanent memorial to Robert E. Lee: Now, therefore, be it

Robert E. Lee. Congressional tribute.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress of the United States, at this anniversary time, does hereby pay honor and tribute to the everlasting memory of Robert E. Lee, whose name will ever be bright in our history as a great military leader, a great educator, a great American, and a truly great man through the simple heritage of his personal traits of high character, his grandeur of soul, his unfailing strength of heart.

SEC. 2. That the Congress of the United States does hereby express its humble gratitude to a kind Providence for blessing our Nation with leaders of true greatness who, like Robert E. Lee, have been able to see beyond their times, and by whose vision, guidance, and wisdom this Nation has gone forward to a place of world leadership as the unfaltering and powerful champion of peace, liberty, and justice.

Custis-Lee Mansion. Dedication as memorial.

SEC. 3. That the magnificent manor house situated in its prominent position at the brow of a hill overlooking the Potomac River in Arlington National Cemetery, and popularly known as Lee Mansion, be

officially designated as the Custis-Lee Mansion, so as to give appropriate recognition to the illustrious Virginia family in which General Lee found his wife, and that the Custis-Lee Mansion is hereby dedicated as a permanent memorial to Robert E. Lee, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to erect on the aforesaid premises a suitable memorial plaque, and to correct governmental records to bring them into compliance with the designation authorized by this joint resolution.

Approved June 29, 1955.

Public Law 108

CHAPTER 224

June 29, 1955
[S. 35]

AN ACT

To provide for the transmission in the mails of live scorpions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1716 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting immediately after the second paragraph thereof the following new paragraph:

62 Stat. 781.

"The Postmaster General is authorized and directed to permit the transmission in the mails, under regulations to be prescribed by him, of live scorpions which are to be used for purposes of medical research or for the manufacture of antivenin. Such regulations shall include such provisions with respect to the packaging of such live scorpions for transmission in the mails as the Postmaster General deems necessary or advisable for the protection of Post Office Department personnel and of the public generally and for ease of handling by such personnel and by any individual connected with such research or manufacture. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize the transmission in the mails of live scorpions by means of aircraft engaged in the carriage of passengers for compensation or hire."

Approved June 29, 1955.

Public Law 109

CHAPTER 225

June 29, 1955
[H. J. Res. 232]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the erection of a memorial gift from the Government of Venezuela.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the Government of the United States, a statue of the liberator, Simon Bolivar, to be erected on public grounds under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior, as a gift to the Government of the United States from the Government of Venezuela as a token of friendship.

Simon Bolivar statue.
Acceptance.

SEC. 2. The design and site of such statue shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts, and the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of this statue.

SEC. 3. (a) The authority conferred pursuant to this joint resolution shall lapse unless the erection of such statue is commenced within five years after the date of the passage of this joint resolution.

(b) All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Approved June 29, 1955.