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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 15, 2020

Ms. Lee of California (for herself, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Adams, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Payne, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Fudge, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Norton, Mrs. Watson COLEMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Rush, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. NADLER, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. Soto, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. HECK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MENG, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. McEachin, Ms. Omar, Mrs. Davis of California, Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Bass, Mr. Neguse, Mr. Defazio, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. Lofgren, Ms. Speier, Mr. Welch, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Grijalva, and Mr. Kennedy) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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- 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	United States Capitol that do not meet the re-
14	quirements of section 1814 of the Revised Stat-
15	utes (2 U.S.C. 2131), as amended by subsection
16	(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

removed under this subsection to the Smithsonian Institution.

- (B) STORAGE OR DISPLAY OF STATUES.—
 The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall follow the policies and procedures of the Smithsonian Institution, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, regarding the storage and display of any statue transferred under subparagraph (A).
- (C) STATE REQUESTS.—A statue provided for display by a State that is removed under this subsection shall be returned to the State, and the ownership of the statue transferred to the State, if the State so requests and agrees to pay any costs related to the transportation of the statue to the State.
- (3) Replacement of Statues.—A State that has a statue removed under this subsection shall be able to replace such statue in accordance with the requirements and procedures of section 1814 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) and section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 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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