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To authorize the establishment of a memorial to former President Ronald Reagan within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I”, to provide for the design and construction of such memorial, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ronald Reagan Memo-
5 rial Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserv-
2 ing of recognition by this and future generations of
3 Americans and visitors from around the world.

4 (2) As President, Ronald Reagan initiated poli-
5 cies that won the Cold War, protected and restored
6 freedom and democracy around the globe, lowered
7 taxes on American citizens, tamed the economic
8 threats of inflation and economic stagnation, and
9 ushered in an unprecedented era of peace and pros-
10 perity across the Nation, and his contributions merit
11 permanent memorialization.

12 (3) The legacies of Ronald Reagan include re-
13 storing faith in our system of democracy and cap-
14 italism, returning pride in being an American, and
15 renewing the honor and decency of the American
16 Presidency, and are deserving of national recogni-
17 tion.

18 (4) The contributions of former President Ron-
19 ald Reagan, and his status as a preeminent twen-
20 tieth-century American statesman and one of the
21 greatest American Presidents, merit and require a
22 permanent memorialization alongside the other great
23 American leaders memorialized on the Mall in the
24 District of Columbia.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL;**
2 **LOCATION AND DESIGN.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF RONALD REAGAN MEMO-
4 RIAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Ronald Reagan Memo-
6 rial Commission is authorized to establish the Ron-
7 ald Reagan Memorial in accordance with this Act,
8 on Federal lands administered by the National Park
9 Service in the District of Columbia.

10 (2) LOCATION.—The memorial shall be situated
11 in a location that is—

12 (A) recommended by the Ronald Reagan
13 Memorial Commission; and

14 (B) in the area on the Mall west of the
15 Capitol and east of the Lincoln Memorial, and
16 within the area referred to in the Commemora-
17 tive Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) as
18 Area I.

19 (b) DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIAL
20 COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—
21 The National Capital Memorial Commission and the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior shall assist the members of the Ron-
23 ald Reagan Memorial Commission—

24 (1) in the preparation of a recommendation to
25 the Congress of a permanent location for the memo-
26 rial; and

1 (2) the selection of a design for the memorial
2 and the grounds of the memorial.

3 (c) **DETAIL OF DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR EM-**
4 **PLOYEES.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall detail to
5 the Ronald Reagan Memorial Commission such support
6 staff as are necessary to assist the members of the com-
7 mission in carrying out its responsibilities.

8 (d) **BEGINNING OF PROCESS.**—The Ronald Reagan
9 Memorial Commission shall begin the process of recom-
10 mending a location and selecting a design for the memorial
11 no later than six months after the date of enactment of
12 this Act.

13 (e) **MARKER.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall erect, at
15 the site approved by the Congress for the memorial,
16 a suitable marker designating the site as the “Fu-
17 ture Site of the Ronald Reagan Memorial”.

18 (2) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The marker shall be—

19 (A) installed by the Secretary no later than
20 three months after the date of the enactment of
21 a law approving the location for the memorial;

22 (B) no smaller than three feet square and
23 constructed of durable material suitable to the
24 outdoor environment; and

1 (C) maintained at the location by the Sec-
2 retary until the memorial is completed, dedi-
3 cated, and open to the public.

4 (f) RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMEMORATIVE WORKS
5 ACT.—Sections 3(c), 7(a)(2), and 8(a)(1) of the Com-
6 memorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1003(c), 1007(a)(2),
7 1008(a)(1)) shall not apply to the memorial.

8 **SEC. 4. RONALD REAGAN MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a com-
10 mission, to be known as the Ronald Reagan Memorial
11 Commission. The commission shall—

12 (1) be comprised of—

13 (A) the Chairman of the National Capital
14 Memorial Commission;

15 (B) one member appointed by the Speaker
16 of the House of Representatives by no later
17 than six months after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act; and

19 (C) one member appointed by the majority
20 leader of the Senate by no later than six
21 months after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act;

23 (2) be chaired by one of its members, to be des-
24 igned jointly by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the majority leader of the Senate;

1 (3) meet no later than one month after its
2 members are appointed, and at such other times as
3 may be necessary; and

4 (4) be exempt from the Federal Advisory Com-
5 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

6 (b) DUTIES.—The Ronald Reagan Memorial Com-
7 mission shall—

8 (1) raise necessary funds from private sector
9 sources to design, construct, and maintain the me-
10 morial;

11 (2) in cooperation with the National Capital
12 Memorial Commission and the Secretary of the Inte-
13 rior, determine and recommend to the Congress a
14 permanent location for the memorial;

15 (3) select a design for the memorial from pro-
16 posals solicited and accepted from qualified Amer-
17 ican architects; and

18 (4) issue a report to the Congress and the
19 President on its activities every six months after its
20 first meeting, and issue a final report to the Con-
21 gress and the President, including a recommended
22 location and final design for the memorial, no later
23 than February 6, 2003.

24 (c) TERMINATION.—The commission shall terminate
25 not later than 90 days after completion of the memorial.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **MEMORIAL.**—The term “memorial” means
4 the Ronald Reagan Memorial authorized by this Act.

5 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

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