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H. R. 1297

To require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 "Columbia Orbiter Me-
5 morial Act".

1 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL TO CREW OF CO-**
2 **LUMBIA ORBITER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL**
3 **CEMETERY.**

4 (a) CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
5 the Army shall, in consultation with the Administrator of
6 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, con-
7 struct at an appropriate place in Arlington National Cem-
8 etery, Virginia, a memorial marker honoring the seven
9 members of the crew of the Columbia Orbiter who died
10 on February 1, 2003, over the State of Texas during the
11 landing of space shuttle mission STS–107.

12 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount appro-
13 priated or otherwise made available by title II of the De-
14 partment of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public
15 Law 107–248) under the heading “OPERATION AND
16 MAINTENANCE, ARMY”, \$500,000 shall be available for
17 the construction of the memorial marker required by sub-
18 section (a).

19 **SEC. 3. DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL FOR CREW OF COLUM-**
20 **BIA ORBITER.**

21 (a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.—The Ad-
22 ministrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
23 istration may accept gifts and donations of services,
24 money, and property (including personal, tangible, or in-
25 tangible property) for the purpose of an appropriate me-
26 morial or monument to the seven members of the crew

1 of the Columbia Orbiter who died on February 1, 2003,
2 over the State of Texas during the landing of space shuttle
3 mission STS-107, whether such memorial or monument
4 is constructed by the Administrator or is the memorial
5 marker required by section 2.

6 (b) TRANSFER.—(1) The Administrator may transfer
7 to the Secretary of the Army any services, money, or prop-
8 erty accepted by the Administrator under subsection (a)
9 for the purpose of the construction of the memorial mark-
10 er required by section 2.

11 (2) Any moneys transferred to the Secretary under
12 paragraph (1) shall be merged with amounts in the ac-
13 count referred to in subsection (b) of section 2, and shall
14 be available for the purpose referred to in that subsection.

15 (c) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of
16 the Administrator to accept gifts and donations under
17 subsection (a) shall expire five years after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

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