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To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. NEAL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. ADAMS MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

4 (a) COMMISSION.—There is established a commission
5 to be known as the “Adams Memorial Commission” (re-
6 ferred to in this section as the “Commission”) for the pur-
7 pose of establishing a permanent memorial to honor John
8 Adams and his legacy as authorized by Public Law 107–

1 62, located in the city of Washington, District of Colum-
2 bia, including sites authorized by Public Law 107–315.

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
4 posed of—

5 (1) four persons appointed by the President,
6 not more than two of whom may be members of the
7 same political party;

8 (2) four Members of the Senate appointed by
9 the President pro tempore of the Senate in consulta-
10 tion with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader
11 of the Senate, of which not more than two ap-
12 pointees may be members of the same political
13 party; and

14 (3) four Members of the House of Representa-
15 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives in consultation with the Majority Lead-
17 er and Minority Leader of the House of Representa-
18 tives, of which not more than two appointees may be
19 members of the same political party.

20 (c) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The members of the
21 Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the
22 Commission. The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be mem-
23 bers of the same political party.

1 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission
2 shall not affect its powers if a quorum is present, but shall
3 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (e) MEETINGS.—

5 (1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 45 days
6 after the date on which a majority of the members
7 of the Commission have been appointed, the Com-
8 mission shall hold its first meeting.

9 (2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—The Commission
10 shall meet at the call of the Chair.

11 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
12 Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number
13 of members may hold hearings.

14 (g) NO COMPENSATION.—A member of the Commis-
15 sion shall serve without compensation, but may be reim-
16 bursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the duties
17 of the Commission.

18 (h) DUTIES.—The Commission shall consider and
19 formulate plans for a permanent memorial to honor John
20 Adams and his legacy, including the nature, location, de-
21 sign, and construction of the memorial.

22 (i) POWERS.—The Commission may—

23 (1) make such expenditures for services and
24 materials for the purpose of carrying out this section

1 as the Commission considers advisable from funds
2 appropriated or received as gifts for that purpose;

3 (2) accept gifts to be used in carrying out this
4 section or to be used in connection with the con-
5 struction or other expenses of the memorial; and

6 (3) hold hearings, enter into contracts for per-
7 sonal services and otherwise, and do such other
8 things as are necessary to carry out this section.

9 (j) REPORTS.—The Commission shall—

10 (1) report the plans required by subsection (h),
11 together with recommendations, to the President
12 and the Congress at the earliest practicable date;
13 and

14 (2) in the interim, make annual reports on its
15 progress to the President and the Congress.

16 (k) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The Federal
17 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
18 to the Commission.

19 (l) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
20 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out
23 this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 107-62.**

2 Public Law 107-62 is amended by striking “Adams
3 Memorial Foundation” each place it occurs and inserting
4 “Adams Memorial Commission”.

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