

110TH CONGRESS
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S. _____

To authorize the establishment of a memorial to all victims of terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Memorial Dedicated
5 to All Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Dark Elegy is—

9 (A) a memorial created by artist Suse
10 Lowenstein to commemorate victims of ter-
11 rorism all over the world; and

1 (B) unique in that the memorial was cre-
2 ated by individuals affected by terrorism, rather
3 than by an outsider portraying the tragedy of
4 others;

5 (2) Dark Elegy, which is made up of larger
6 than life sculptures, depicts the reaction of 76 moth-
7 ers, sisters, daughters, wives, and relatives as those
8 individuals responded with shock and grief upon
9 learning of the death of their loved ones after the
10 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over
11 Lockerbie, Scotland;

12 (3) unfortunately, since the creation of Dark
13 Elegy, a growing number of terrorist attacks have
14 occurred in the United States and around the world;
15 and

16 (4) Dark Elegy—

17 (A) serves to remind the world community
18 of the devastation that terrorism leaves in its
19 wake;

20 (B) serves as a lasting testament to the
21 victims of terrorism worldwide in the unending
22 struggle to eradicate the menace of terrorism
23 from the world; and

24 (C) stands as a beacon for all peace loving
25 people throughout the world to unite.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**—The term “com-
4 memorative work” has the meaning given the term
5 in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

6 (2) **THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-
7 RONS.**—The term “the District of Columbia and its
8 environs” has the meaning given the term in section
9 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

10 (3) **MEMORIAL.**—The term “Memorial” means
11 the memorial to all victims of terrorism known as
12 “Dark Elegy”.

13 (4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 (5) **SPONSORS.**—The term “Sponsors” means—

16 (A) Suse Lowenstein, the creator of the
17 memorial; and

18 (B) Peter Lowenstein.

19 **SEC. 4. MEMORIAL TO HONOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM.**

20 (a) **MEMORIAL AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary shall
21 permit the Sponsors to establish the Memorial as a com-
22 memorative work on land under the administrative juris-
23 diction of the Secretary in the District of Columbia or its
24 environs to honor all victims of terrorism.

25 (b) **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
26 RATIVE WORKS.**—The commemorative work authorized

1 under subsection (a) shall be established in accordance
2 with chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code, except
3 that section 8903(c) and the design requirements of sec-
4 tion 8905 of title 40, United States Code, shall not apply
5 to the establishment of the commemorative work

6 (c) FUNDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORK.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Sponsors shall be solely
8 responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and
9 payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the
10 commemorative work authorized under subsection
11 (a).

12 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.—No
13 Federal funds shall be used to pay any expense of
14 the establishment of the commemorative work au-
15 thORIZED under subsection (a).

16 (3) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—The Spon-
17 sors shall transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury
18 for deposit in the account provided for in section
19 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code—

20 (A) any funds that remain for the com-
21 memorative work authorized under subsection
22 (a) after payment of all expenses incurred in
23 the establishment of the commemorative work
24 (including payment of the amount for mainte-

1 nance and preservation required under section
2 8906(b) of that title); or

3 (B) any funds that remain for the com-
4 memorative work authorized under subsection
5 (a) on expiration of the authority for the com-
6 memorative work under section 8903(e) of that
7 title.

8 (d) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF MEMORIAL.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary
10 or Administrator of the General Services Administration,
11 as appropriate, shall accept the donation of the Memorial.

12 (e) CONSIDERATION AS COMMEMORATIVE WORK.—
13 For purposes of chapter 89 of title 40, United States
14 Code, the Memorial shall be considered to be a commemo-
15 rative work that is a memorial to all victims of terrorism.