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To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. HECK, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. KENNEDY) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Each year, in every corner of the Nation,
6 the 850,000 first responders of Emergency Medical
7 Services answer more than 30,000,000 calls to serve

1 22,000,000 patients in need of life-saving care and
2 comfort at a moment's notice and without reserva-
3 tion. With little regard for their own safety and in
4 the face of all hazards the men and women of Emer-
5 gency Medical Services respond across the spectrum
6 of incidents from a single person's medical emer-
7 gency to the naturally occurring or man-made disas-
8 ters, including terrorist attacks that threaten the en-
9 tire Nation. This commitment to others, at a mo-
10 ment's notice and despite risk, exemplifies the finest
11 traditions of American spirit.

12 (2) As an element of the Nation's homeland de-
13 fense strategy, Emergency Medical Services stands
14 on the "Nation's first line of defense in the preven-
15 tion and mitigation of risk from terrorist attacks,
16 man-made incidents, and natural disasters". The
17 men and women of Emergency Medical Services,
18 alongside those in Law Enforcement and the Fire
19 Service, serving in both the public and private sec-
20 tors as career and volunteer emergency medical serv-
21 ice providers, are a critical element of the Nation's
22 homeland and national security efforts and provide
23 for the domestic tranquility of its citizens.

24 (3) All too often the risks associated with the
25 critical role of Emergency Medical Services results in

1 an unacceptable rate of injury and fatality to these
2 responders. Statistics compiled by the United States
3 Department of Labor and the National Highway
4 Safety Administration indicate that emergency med-
5 ical services providers die in the line of duty at a
6 rate more than twice the national average for all oc-
7 cupational fatalities and during their careers experi-
8 ence an injury rate of virtually 100 percent.

9 (4) We as a Nation have historically and con-
10 tinually rely on the selfless and ultimate sacrifices
11 made by the men and women of this great country,
12 their families, and loved ones in order to maintain
13 the domestic tranquility, safety, and security of this
14 Nation. The men and women of Emergency Medical
15 Services continue to serve in this finest tradition, in
16 the face of unacceptable sacrifice, risk and danger in
17 service to the Nation and its citizens.

18 (5) The scope of responsibility assumed by the
19 men and women of the Emergency Medical Services
20 is broad and unique and their sacrifice and commit-
21 ment in service to our Nation are deserving of a
22 commemorative work that recognizes such.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**
2 **WORK.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Emergency Medical
4 Services Memorial Foundation may establish a commemo-
5 rative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia
6 and its environs to commemorate the commitment and
7 service represented by emergency medical services.

8 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
9 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemo-
10 rative work under this section shall be in accordance with
11 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly
12 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

13 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
14 FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be
16 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the
17 commemorative work under this section.

18 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY
19 MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.—The
20 National Emergency Medical Services Memorial
21 Foundation shall be solely responsible for acceptance
22 of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of,
23 the establishment of the commemorative work under
24 this section.

25 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-
2 penses for the establishment of the memorial (in-
3 cluding the maintenance and preservation amount
4 required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United
5 States Code), there remains a balance of funds re-
6 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
7 work, the Foundation shall transmit the amount of
8 the balance to the Secretary of the Interior for de-
9 posit in the account provided for in section
10 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

11 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon
12 expiration of the authority for the commemorative
13 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
14 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
15 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
16 work, the Foundation shall transmit the amount of
17 the balance to a separate account with the National
18 Park Foundation for memorials, to be available to
19 the Secretary of the Interior or Administrator (as
20 appropriate) following the process provided in sec-
21 tion 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code, for
22 accounts established under 8906(b)(2) or (3) of title
23 40, United States Code.

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