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To authorize funds and artifacts to benefit the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself, Mrs. BICE, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. HUNT) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Theodore Roosevelt
5 Presidential Library Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Theodore Roosevelt Association was
9 founded in 1919 and chartered by Congress in 1920

1 to perpetuate the memory of Theodore Roosevelt for
2 the benefit of the people of the United States and
3 the world.

4 (2) The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Li-
5 brary will celebrate the unique legacy of one of the
6 most influential Presidents and actively bring the
7 lessons of Theodore Roosevelt’s life into the Nation’s
8 present moment.

9 (3) Many of Theodore Roosevelt’s artifacts and
10 memorabilia are scattered across the country and
11 not available to the public for viewing.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
15 means the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library
16 Foundation.

17 (2) LIBRARY.—The term “Library” means the
18 Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, to be lo-
19 cated in Medora, North Dakota.

20 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ESTABLISH-**
23 **MENT OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESI-**
24 **DENTIAL LIBRARY.**

25 (a) GRANTS.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—To the extent provided
2 in advance in appropriations Acts and subject to
3 paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall provide
4 a grant to the Foundation for the establishment of
5 the Library—

6 (A) to preserve and make available to the
7 public materials relating to the life of President
8 Theodore Roosevelt; and

9 (B) to provide interpretive and educational
10 services that communicate the meaning of the
11 life of Theodore Roosevelt.

12 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
13 may not provide a grant under paragraph (1) until
14 the date on which the Foundation certifies to the
15 Secretary that the Foundation has received an
16 amount equal to not less than twice the amount of
17 the grant funds to be provided under that paragraph
18 from funds for the Library—

19 (A) contributed by the State of North Da-
20 kota; or

21 (B) raised from non-Federal sources dur-
22 ing the period beginning on the date on which
23 the Foundation was established and ending on
24 the date of the certification.

1 (3) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Grant
2 funds provided under this subsection may not be
3 used for the maintenance or operation of the Li-
4 brary.

5 (b) FEDERAL ARTIFACTS AND OBJECTS RELATING
6 TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary shall—

10 (A) offer to enter into one or more agree-
11 ments with the Foundation; and

12 (B) enter into any related interagency
13 agreements that the Secretary determines to be
14 necessary, to preserve and exhibit at the Li-
15 brary, for the benefit of the public, Federal cu-
16 ratorial collections relating to the life and leg-
17 acy of Theodore Roosevelt.

18 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement entered
19 into with the Foundation under paragraph (1) shall
20 provide for the loan, transfer, or conveyance from
21 Federal agencies (including the National Park Serv-
22 ice, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
23 Library of Congress, and the National Archives and
24 Records Administration) to the Foundation of his-
25 toric, educational, artistic, natural, and other mu-

1 seum artifacts and objects, particularly artifacts and
2 objects of Federal agencies that are not on display
3 to the public, without monetary consideration, sub-
4 ject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
5 determines to be necessary for the preservation and
6 exhibition of the artifacts and objects.

7 (c) NON-FEDERAL OPERATION.—The Secretary or
8 any other Federal entity shall have no involvement in the
9 operation of the Library, except at the request of the non-
10 Federal entity responsible for the operation of the Library.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
12 purpose of carrying out this Act, including providing a
13 grant under subsection (a), there is authorized to be ap-
14 propriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2024 and each subsequent fiscal year. Such authorizations
16 of appropriations are in addition to other authorizations
17 of appropriations that are available for such purpose.
18 Amounts made available to the Secretary pursuant this
19 subsection shall remain available until expended.

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