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# H. R. 992

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “James Madison Memo-  
5        rial Commission Act of 2009”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

1           (1) President James Madison is often referred  
2 to as “Father of the Constitution” for his influence  
3 on the Nation’s fundamental laws.

4           (2) At age 29, James Madison was the young-  
5 est delegate at the Continental Congress.

6           (3) In Congress, Representative James Madison  
7 drafted the legislation to enact the Bill of Rights.

8           (4) President James Madison declared war on  
9 Great Britain, igniting the War of 1812.

10          (5) President James Madison approved the  
11 Treaty of Ghent which ended the War of 1812.

12          (6) President James Madison was the first  
13 United States Congressman to become President.

14          (7) President James Madison signed a congres-  
15 sional resolution admitting Louisiana to the Union  
16 as the eighteenth State on April 30, 1812.

17          (8) President James Madison signed a congres-  
18 sional resolution admitting Indiana to the Union as  
19 the nineteenth State on December 11, 1816.

20 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the James  
22 Madison Memorial Commission (hereafter in this Act re-  
23 ferred to as the “Commission”) to plan for the design and  
24 construction of a memorial in Washington, DC to be a  
25 tribute to the many accomplishments of James Madison.

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of  
2 23 members appointed not later than 6 months after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act as follows:

4 (1) The President shall appoint 7 voting mem-  
5 bers.

6 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representa-  
7 tives, the minority leader of the House of Represent-  
8 atives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the mi-  
9 nority leader of the Senate shall each appoint 3 vot-  
10 ing members.

11 (3) In addition to the members appointed under  
12 paragraph (2), the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives, the minority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,  
15 and the minority leader of the Senate shall each ap-  
16 point 1 nonvoting member.

17 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the Commission  
18 shall be chosen from among individuals, or representatives  
19 of institutions or entities, who possess either—

20 (1) a demonstrated commitment to the re-  
21 search, study, or promotion of the work and life of  
22 former President James Madison or Presidential his-  
23 tory in general, and—

24 (A) expertise in museum administration;

1 (B) expertise in fundraising for nonprofit  
2 or cultural institutions;

3 (C) experience in the study and teaching of  
4 Presidential history at the post-secondary level;  
5 or

6 (D) extensive experience in public or elect-  
7 ed service; or

8 (2) experience in the administration of, or the  
9 planning for the establishment of, museums devoted  
10 to the study and promotion of the history of Govern-  
11 ment.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT; TERMINATION.**

13 (a) DEADLINE.—Not later than 24 months after the  
14 date of the Commission’s first meeting, the Commission  
15 shall submit to the Secretary of the Interior a report con-  
16 taining a plan for the design and construction of a memo-  
17 rial in Washington, DC to be a tribute to the many accom-  
18 plishments of James Madison.

19 (b) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
20 not later than 30 days after submitting the report pursu-  
21 ant to subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
3 retary of the Interior such funds as are necessary to car-  
4 rying out the activities of the Commission.

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