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S. 4546

To amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the prohibition on destruction of veterans' memorials to include other memorials and to establish mandatory minimum sentences for violations of that prohibition.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2024

Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Saving Treasured Arti-
5 facts Through Uniformed Enforcement Act” or “STAT-
6 UE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1369 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 1369. Destruction of memorials**

5 “(a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any per-
6 son, in a circumstance described in subsection (b), to will-
7 fully injure or destroy, or attempt to injure or destroy,
8 a structure, plaque, statue, or other monument on public
9 property.

10 “(b) CIRCUMSTANCES.—A circumstance described in
11 this subsection is that—

12 “(1) in committing the offense described in sub-
13 section (a), the defendant travels or causes another
14 to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses
15 the mail or an instrumentality of interstate or for-
16 eign commerce; or

17 “(2) the structure, plaque, statue, or other
18 monument described in subsection (a) is located on
19 property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the
20 Federal Government.

21 “(c) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates sub-
22 section (a) shall be—

23 “(1) fined—

24 “(A) not less than the greater of—

25 “(i) \$1,000; or

1 “(ii) the amount of damage to the
2 structure, plaque, statue, or other monu-
3 ment described in subsection (a); and

4 “(B) not more than the applicable max-
5 imum amount under this title; and

6 “(2) imprisoned—

7 “(A) not less than 5 years; and

8 “(B) not more than 10 years.”.

9 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

10 The table of sections for chapter 65 of title 18, United
11 States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to
12 section 1369 and inserting the following:

“1369. Destruction of memorials.”.

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