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To authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORA-**
2 **TIVE WORK.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) the United States and France share a long
5 and mutually beneficial relationship;

6 (2) the relationship between the United States
7 and France is built on a shared commitment to the
8 values of democracy, human rights, the rule of law,
9 security, and prosperity;

10 (3) France is—

11 (A) a key North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
12 tion ally; and

13 (B) an important bilateral economic part-
14 ner to the United States;

15 (4) Jean Monnet was a French diplomat who
16 played an influential role in—

17 (A) the founding of the European Union;
18 and

19 (B) restoring and maintaining peace
20 throughout Europe;

21 (5) Jean Monnet served as Deputy Secretary-
22 General of the League of Nations, the first world-
23 wide intergovernmental organization established to
24 maintain world peace;

1 (6) Jean Monnet served as Chair of the Anglo-
2 French Coordinating Committee during World War
3 II to unite British and French war efforts;

4 (7) after France surrendered to Germany on
5 June 22, 1940, Jean Monnet served on the British
6 Purchasing Commission to facilitate the production
7 and purchase of armaments for the war effort;

8 (8) Jean Monnet—

9 (A) served as an advisor to President
10 Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

11 (B) played a critical role in the United
12 States by providing necessary armaments and
13 aid to European allies during World War II;

14 (9) Jean Monnet led the development and im-
15 plementation of the Modernization and Re-equip-
16 ment Plan, which spurred economic recovery in
17 France after World War II;

18 (10) Jean Monnet co-authored the Schuman
19 Declaration—

20 (A) that—

21 (i) bound together French and Ger-
22 man industries after World War II to revi-
23 talize the European economy and ensure
24 peace; and

1 (ii) led to the establishment of the
2 European Coal and Steel Community; and

3 (B) the date of enactment of which, May
4 9, has been adopted as “Europe Day” by the
5 European Union;

6 (11) Jean Monnet served as the first president
7 of the High Authority of the European Coal and
8 Steel Community;

9 (12) Jean Monnet founded the Action Com-
10 mittee for the United States of Europe, which is rec-
11 ognized as having laid the foundation for the estab-
12 lishment of the European Union;

13 (13) on April 2, 1976, the European Council of
14 the European Union presented the first ever Hon-
15 orary Citizen of Europe award to Jean Monnet for
16 his extraordinary efforts to promote European co-
17 operation;

18 (14) in 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson
19 presented Jean Monnet with the Presidential Medal
20 of Freedom; and

21 (15) Jean Monnet—

22 (A) had a residence near Rock Creek Park
23 in Washington, DC;

24 (B) enjoyed taking long walks through
25 Rock Creek Park;

1 (C) affectionately referred to Rock Creek
2 Park as “my park”; and

3 (D) claimed that long walks through Rock
4 Creek Park helped him to think and develop
5 plans to achieve peace and unity in Europe.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) EMBASSY.—The term “Embassy” means
8 the Embassy of France in Washington, DC.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Embassy may establish
13 a commemorative work on Federal land in the Dis-
14 trict of Columbia and its environs to honor the ex-
15 traordinary contributions of Jean Monnet with re-
16 spect to—

17 (A) restoring peace between European na-
18 tions; and

19 (B) establishing the European Union.

20 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COM-
21 MEMORATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the
22 commemorative work under this section shall be in
23 accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United
24 States Code (commonly known as the “Commemora-
25 tive Works Act”).

1 (3) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
2 FUNDS.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not
4 be used to pay any expense of the establishment
5 of the commemorative work under this section.

6 (B) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EMBASSY OF
7 FRANCE IN WASHINGTON, DC.—The Embassy
8 shall be solely responsible for the acceptance of
9 contributions for, and the payment of the ex-
10 penses of, the establishment of the commemora-
11 tive work under this section.

12 (4) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—If, on payment of all
14 expenses for the establishment of the com-
15 memorative work under this section (including
16 the maintenance and preservation amount re-
17 quired by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United
18 States Code), there remains a balance of funds
19 received for the establishment of the commemo-
20 rative work, the Embassy shall transmit the
21 amount of the balance to the Secretary for de-
22 posit in the account provided for in section
23 8906(b)(3) of that title.

24 (B) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If,
25 on expiration of the authority for the com-

1 memorative work under section 8903(e) of title
2 40, United States Code, there remains a bal-
3 ance of funds received for the establishment of
4 the commemorative work under this section, the
5 Embassy shall transmit the amount of the bal-
6 ance to a separate account with the National
7 Park Foundation for memorials, to be available
8 to the Secretary of the Interior or the Adminis-
9 trator of General Services, as appropriate, in
10 accordance with the process provided in para-
11 graph (4) of section 8906(b) of that title for ac-
12 counts established under paragraph (2) or (3)
13 of that section.

14 (d) DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—
15 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of com-
16 plying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
17 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
18 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
19 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
20 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
21 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
22 vote on passage.

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