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To authorize the Thomas Paine Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Mr. RASKIN (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. DESAULNIER) 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. AUTHORIZATION OF THOMAS PAINE COM-**
4 **MEMORATIVE WORK.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Thomas Paine Memorial As-
6 sociation may establish a commemorative work on Federal
7 land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor
8 the United States patriot, Thomas Paine.

1 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
2 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemora-
3 tive work under this section shall be in accordance with
4 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly
5 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

6 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
7 FUNDS.—Federal funds may not be used to pay any ex-
8 pense of the establishment of the commemorative work
9 under this section.

10 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-
12 penses for the establishment of the commemorative
13 work (including the maintenance and preservation
14 amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40,
15 United States Code), there remains a balance of
16 funds received for such establishment, the Thomas
17 Paine Memorial Association shall transmit the
18 amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Inte-
19 rior for deposit in the account provided for in sec-
20 tion 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

21 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon
22 expiration of the authority for the commemorative
23 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
24 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
25 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative

1 work, the Thomas Paine Memorial Association shall
2 transmit the amount of the balance to a separate ac-
3 count with the National Park Foundation for memo-
4 rials, to be available to the Secretary of the Interior
5 or the Administrator of General Services (as appro-
6 priate) following the process provided in section
7 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States Code, for ac-
8 counts established under paragraphs (2) and (3) of
9 section 8906(b) of title 40, United States Code.

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