

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6201

To extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free Black persons who served in the American Revolution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. NEGUSE) 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 “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that the period preceding the 250th
8 anniversary of the founding of the United States on July

1 4, 1776, offers the best conditions in ten generations to
2 honor and preserve the contributions of enslaved and free
3 Black soldiers and civilians to independence by the tri-
4 umph of a permanent National Liberty Memorial rep-
5 resenting deeds Congress on two previous occasions de-
6 clared of “preeminent historical and lasting significance
7 to the nation”.

8 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT**
9 **OF COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**

10 Notwithstanding section 8903(e) of title 40, United
11 States Code, the authority provided by section 2860 of the
12 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
13 2013 (division B of Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2164;
14 40 U.S.C. 8903 note) shall continue to apply through Sep-
15 tember 30, 2027.

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