

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4009

To authorize the Georgetown African American Historic Landmark Project and Tour to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2021

Ms. NORTON 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 “Georgetown Water-
5 front Enslaved Voyages Memorial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**
2 **WORK.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Georgetown African Amer-
4 ican Historic Landmark Project and Tour may establish
5 a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of
6 Columbia and its environs to commemorate the enslaved
7 individuals, whose identities may be known or unknown,
8 who disembarked at Georgetown Waterfront after endur-
9 ing the Middle Passage.

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

15 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
16 FUNDS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be
18 used to pay any expense of the establishment of the
19 commemorative work under this section.

20 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GEORGETOWN AF-
21 RICAN AMERICAN HISTORIC LANDMARK PROJECT
22 AND TOUR.—The Georgetown African American
23 Historic Landmark Project and Tour shall be solely
24 responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and
25 payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the
26 commemorative work under this section.

1 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-
3 penses for the establishment of the memorial (in-
4 cluding the maintenance and preservation amount
5 required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United
6 States Code), there remains a balance of funds re-
7 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
8 work, the Georgetown African American Historic
9 Landmark Project and Tour shall transmit the
10 amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Inte-
11 rior for deposit in the account provided for in sec-
12 tion 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

13 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon
14 expiration of the authority for the commemorative
15 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
16 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
17 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
18 work, the Georgetown African American Historic
19 Landmark Project and Tour shall transmit the
20 amount of the balance to a separate account with
21 the National Park Foundation for memorials, to be
22 available to the Secretary of the Interior or Adminis-
23 trator (as appropriate) following the process pro-
24 vided in section 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States

- 1 Code, for accounts established under section
- 2 8906(b)(2) or (3) of title 40, United States Code.

