



"...let us place there, carved high, as close to heaven as we can, the words of our leaders, their faces, to show posterity what manner of men they were. Then breathe a prayer that these records will endure until the wind and rain alone shall wear them away."

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H.R. 12

To finish construction of the Mount Rushmore Hall of Records, as envisioned by Gutzon Borglum.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER, 22nd, 2022

Mr. KEAN, (Co-Sponsored by Mr. BROWN, Ms. HAALAND)

introduced the following bill;

AN ACT

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Hall of Records Act”.

SEC. 2. ENACTMENT.

This Act shall come into force immediately upon passage, unless otherwise specified.

SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Act and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Furthermore, any piece of law that contradicts or violates the provisions in this Act, shall be declared null and void.

SEC. 4. CONSTRUCTION

- (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated, and there are appropriated, out of any funds not otherwise appropriated— \$10,500,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (b) The Department of Interior, in collaboration with the Natural Park Service shall create the “Hall of Records Fund”, which Americans and State/Local governments could contribute to.
- (c) Using the \$10,500,000 appropriated in this Section, and contributions/donations from the Hall of Records Fund, the National Park Service and Department of Interior is federally authorized and directed to undergo the full completion of the [Hall of Records](#) with high wages for construction staff and satisfactory safety standards.
- (d) For guidance and direction, the NPS/Department of Interior may look to:

 GUIDANCE OF CONSTRUCTION .

SEC. 5. DESIGNATION

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The mountain at Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, located at N 43° 53.559' W 103° 28.246', shall be known and designated as “Mount Rushmore”.
- (b) Any reference in any law, map, regulation, order, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the mountain and area described in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to “Mount Rushmore”.

SEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

- (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—For his contributions to American art and culture, as well as his extraordinary dedication to the construction of Mount Rushmore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous award, on behalf of the Congress, of a single gold medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Sculptor Gutzon Borglum in recognition of his contributions to the Nation.
- (b) For the purposes of the award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall strike the gold medal with the emblems, devices, and inscriptions of Mount Rushmore and Borglum’s other sculpture work.
- (c) Following the award of the gold medal under subsection (a), the gold medal shall be given to “Sculptor's Studio” a historical museum located on the grounds of Mount Rushmore, where it shall be displayed as appropriate.
- (d) The Secretary may strike and sell souvenir duplicates of the gold medal struck pursuant to subsection b, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

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