

83D CONGRESS
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H. J. RES. 448

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1954

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the creation of a Federal memorial commission to consider and formulate plans for the construction in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, of an appropriate permanent memorial to the memory of the great Italian navigator and discoverer of America, Christopher Columbus.

Whereas there is no appropriate permanent national memorial to Christopher Columbus in the Nation's Capital that is commensurate to his importance in the history of this country; and

Whereas the American people owe a deep debt of gratitude to Christopher Columbus and should erect an appropriate permanent national memorial which is symbolic of his genius and energy and is a universal and everlasting expression of faith in liberty and the spiritual advancement of humanity; and

Whereas the erection of such a memorial by the American people would express their traditional and everlasting friendship to Italy, the native land of Christopher Columbus: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a commission, to be known
4 as the "Christopher Columbus Memorial Commission" (here-
5 inafter referred to as the "Commission"), for the purpose of
6 considering and formulating plans for the design, construc-
7 tion, and location of an appropriate permanent national
8 memorial to Christopher Columbus in the city of Washing-
9 ton, District of Columbia. The Commission shall be com-
10 posed of twelve commissioners appointed as follows: Three
11 persons to be appointed by the President of the United
12 States, three Senators by the President of the Senate, three
13 Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of
14 the House of Representatives, and three members of the
15 Christopher Columbus Memorial Foundation, Incorporated,
16 to be selected by such foundation.

17 SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized to—

18 (a) make such expenditures for personal services
19 and otherwise for the purpose of carrying out the pro-
20 visions of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable
21 from funds received for such purpose;

1 (b) accept in its discretion from any source, public
2 or private, money or property to be used in carrying out
3 the provisions of this joint resolution or to be used in
4 connection with the construction or other expenses of
5 such memorial; and

6 (c) avail itself of the assistance and advice of the
7 Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Plan-
8 ning Commission, and the National Capital Regional
9 Planning Council, and such commissions and council
10 shall, upon request, render such assistance and advice.

11 SEC. 3. The Commission shall as soon as possible, but
12 not later than the termination of the first session of the
13 Eighty-fourth Congress, submit a report to the President of
14 the United States and to Congress of the progress of the
15 work of the Commission, together with its recommendations
16 and suggestions for further congressional action.

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