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H. R. 391

To establish a grant program to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muhammad Ali and promote global respect, understanding, and communication, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. YARMUTH (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. KILMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish a grant program to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muhammad Ali and promote global respect, understanding, and communication, and for other purposes.

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 “Muhammad Ali Legacy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to preserve the legacy and ideals of Muham-
2 mad Ali, who has dedicated his life to fostering
3 international friendship and to service to those in
4 need, both in the United States and around the
5 world;

6 (2) to promote global respect, understanding,
7 and communication; and

8 (3) to foster the next generation of world lead-
9 ers who will work toward these goals.

10 **SEC. 3. MUHAMMAD ALI LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of State shall
12 award grants, on such terms and conditions as the Sec-
13 retary may determine, to one or more eligible organiza-
14 tions that—

15 (1) are established to promote global respect,
16 understanding, and communication and to encourage
17 character and leadership development worldwide;
18 and

19 (2) demonstrate a commitment to preserving
20 the legacy of Muhammad Ali.

21 (b) **GRANT AGREEMENT.**—Each organization award-
22 ed a grant under this section shall enter into an agreement
23 with the Secretary of State. Each such agreement shall
24 require the organization—

1 (1) to develop and provide educational program-
2 ming to prepare prospective leaders in foreign coun-
3 tries to make a profound contribution to global soci-
4 ety, including programming that includes peace
5 building, conflict resolution, violence prevention,
6 character education, and education about world cul-
7 tures, religions, and languages;

8 (2) to act as a global gathering place—both on-
9 line and in person—for negotiation and mediation;

10 (3) to utilize technology and the Internet to em-
11 power people in foreign countries, including adults,
12 young people, educators, and civic, community, reli-
13 gious, and corporate leaders, to dialogue on common
14 interests and concerns, share information, and en-
15 gage in cross-cultural learning, including by utilizing
16 diverse and multi-layered connections such as
17 videoconferencing, Web-based forums, and other
18 modes of communication;

19 (4) to partner with and build a network of or-
20 ganizations and schools already working with adults,
21 young people, educators, and civic, community, reli-
22 gious, and corporate leaders, as well as the Depart-
23 ment of State, to reach many people worldwide as
24 quickly as possible;

1 (5) to place a special emphasis on providing a
2 positive, productive path for young people to combat
3 the pull of radicalism, terrorist networks, and orga-
4 nized crime;

5 (6) to support a Web site providing resources,
6 in a variety of languages, to further the programs
7 and activities described in paragraphs (1) through
8 (5) by making such programs and activities acces-
9 sible to the general public and able to be utilized by
10 educators to integrate into the classroom; and

11 (7) to submit for each fiscal year for which the
12 organization receives funds from a grant awarded
13 under this section, a report to the Secretary of State
14 that contains—

15 (A) a description of the programs and ac-
16 tivities supported by the funding;

17 (B) the audited financial statement of the
18 organization for the preceding fiscal year;

19 (C) a plan for the programs and activities
20 to be supported by the funding as the Secretary
21 may require; and

22 (D) an evaluation of the programs and ac-
23 tivities supported by the funding as the Sec-
24 retary may require.

1 (c) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “eligible organization” means an organiza-
3 tion that is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of
4 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)).

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2016 through
8 2018.

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