

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7309

To authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. POLIS (for himself, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) A monument as a tribute to the magnitude  
6 of the suffragists' seven-decade effort to pass the  
7 19th Amendment in a way that engages the viewer  
8 and serves as a call to action for present and future  
9 generations is appropriate on Federal land.

1 (2) Such a monument should include—

2 (A) a sculptural portrait to honor Susan  
3 B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton with her  
4 daughter Harriot Stanton Blatch, Sojourner  
5 Truth, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells; and

6 (B) a depiction of the Declaration of Senti-  
7 ments and Ratification Flag with the names of  
8 other women instrumental in fighting for wom-  
9 en’s suffrage included in the depiction of the  
10 word “WE” of the Declaration of Sentiments  
11 with raised lettering on ripples radiating from  
12 the monument.

13 (3) The preferred site location for the monu-  
14 ment is Area II, near Belmont-Paul National Monu-  
15 ment and the Supreme Court.

16 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**  
17 **WORK.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Every Word We Utter Monu-  
19 ment may establish a commemorative work on Federal  
20 land in the District of Columbia and its environs to com-  
21 memorate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Con-  
22 stitution, which gave women the right to vote.

23 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-  
24 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemora-  
25 tive work under this section shall be in accordance with

1 chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly  
2 known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

3 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL  
4 FUNDS.—

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

8 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EVERY WORD WE  
9 UTTER MONUMENT.—The Every Word We Utter  
10 Monument shall be solely responsible for acceptance  
11 of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of,  
12 the establishment of the commemorative work under  
13 this section.

14 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all ex-  
16 penses for the establishment of the memorial (in-  
17 cluding the maintenance and preservation amount  
18 required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United  
19 States Code), there remains a balance of funds re-  
20 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative  
21 work, the Every Word We Utter Monument shall  
22 transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary  
23 of the Interior for deposit in the account provided  
24 for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States  
25 Code.

1           (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon  
2           expiration of the authority for the commemorative  
3           work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United  
4           States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-  
5           ceived for the establishment of the commemorative  
6           work, the Every Word We Utter Monument shall  
7           transmit the amount of the balance to a separate ac-  
8           count with the National Park for memorials, to be  
9           available to the Secretary of the Interior or Adminis-  
10          trator (as appropriate) following the process pro-  
11          vided in section 8906(b)(4) of title 40, United States  
12          Code, for accounts established under 8906(b)(2) or  
13          (3) of title 40, United States Code.

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