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S. 1705

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) a monument as a tribute to the magnitude
6 of the effort of suffragists over a period of 7 decades
7 to pass the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of
8 the United States in a way that engages the viewer

1 and serves as a call to action for present and future
2 generations is appropriate on Federal land;

3 (2) the monument described in paragraph (1)
4 should include—

5 (A) a sculptural portrait to honor Susan
6 B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriot
7 Stanton Blatch, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul,
8 and Ida B. Wells; and

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

16 (3) the preferred site location for the monu-
17 ment is Area II, near Belmont-Paul National Monu-
18 ment and the Supreme Court.

19 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE**
20 **WORK.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Every Word We Utter Monu-
22 ment may establish a commemorative work on Federal
23 land in the District of Columbia and its environs (as de-
24 fined in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code),
25 to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment to

1 the Constitution of the United States, which gave women
2 the right to vote.

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

8 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
9 FUNDS.—

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

13 (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EVERY WORD WE
14 UTTER MONUMENT.—The Every Word We Utter
15 Monument shall be solely responsible for acceptance
16 of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of,
17 the establishment of the commemorative work under
18 this section.

19 (d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, on payment of all ex-
21 penses for the establishment of the commemorative
22 work under this section (including the maintenance
23 and preservation amount required by section
24 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there
25 remains a balance of funds received for the estab-

1 lishment of the commemorative work, the Every
2 Word We Utter Monument shall transmit the
3 amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Inte-
4 rior for deposit in the account provided for in sec-
5 tion 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

6 (2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If, on ex-
7 piration of the authority for the commemorative
8 work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United
9 States Code, there remains a balance of funds re-
10 ceived for the establishment of the commemorative
11 work under this section, the Every Word We Utter
12 Monument shall transmit the amount of the balance
13 to a separate account with the National Park Foun-
14 dation for memorials, to be available to the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior or Administrator of General
16 Services, as appropriate, in accordance with the
17 process provided in section 8906(b)(4) of title 40,
18 United States Code, for accounts established under
19 paragraph (2) or (3) of section 8906(b) of title 40,
20 United States Code.

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