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To designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2018

Ms. CANTWELL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Nordic Mu-
5 seum Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington,
9 is the only museum in the United States dedicated
10 to Nordic history, culture, and art;

1 (2) Nordic people have long contributed to the
2 rich cultural heritage of the United States;

3 (3) the Nordic Museum serves as a unique and
4 valuable resource locally and nationally for expand-
5 ing knowledge relating to—

6 (A) Nordic heritage; and

7 (B) the impact Nordic heritage has had
8 throughout the United States;

9 (4) a new state-of-the-art facility was opened to
10 house the Nordic Museum on May 5, 2018, making
11 Nordic history, culture, and art even more engaging
12 and accessible to the public;

13 (5) to provide funds and exhibits for the new
14 Nordic Museum, numerous public and private enti-
15 ties and many private individuals partnered to-
16 gether, including—

17 (A) the State of Washington;

18 (B) King County, Washington;

19 (C) the Nordic Council, which is composed
20 of representatives from the national parliaments
21 of Nordic countries; and

22 (D) the national museums of Denmark,
23 Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden;

24 (6) the Nordic Museum is—

1 (A) a significant resource for preserving
 2 and celebrating the history, culture, and art of
 3 Nordic immigrants in the United States; and

4 (B) the only museum in the United States
 5 that exists for the exclusive purpose of pre-
 6 serving, interpreting, and providing education
 7 about Nordic culture and heritage; and

8 (7) the Nordic Museum promotes valuable
 9 international relations between the United States
 10 and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Ice-
 11 land, Norway, and Sweden.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL NORDIC MUSEUM.**

13 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Nordic Museum located at
 14 2655 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington, is des-
 15 ignated as the “National Nordic Museum”.

16 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The museum designated by
 18 subsection (a) is not a unit of the National Park
 19 System.

20 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—The designation
 21 of the museum by subsection (a) shall not require
 22 Federal funds to be expended for any purpose re-
 23 lated to the museum.

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