

# House Calendar No. 182

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# S. 2857

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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# **AN ACT**

To designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”, 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 “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;

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

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

16            (A) Nordic heritage; and

17            (B) the impact Nordic heritage has had  
18      throughout the United States;

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

23          (5) to provide funds and exhibits for the new  
24      Nordic Museum, numerous public and private enti-

1 ties and many private individuals partnered to-  
2 gether, including—

3 (A) the State of Washington;

4 (B) King County, Washington;

5 (C) the Nordic Council, which is composed  
6 of representatives from the national parliaments  
7 of Nordic countries; and

8 (D) the national museums of Denmark,  
9 Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden;

10 (6) the Nordic Museum is—

11 (A) a significant resource for preserving  
12 and celebrating the history, culture, and art of  
13 Nordic immigrants in the United States; and

14 (B) the only museum in the United States  
15 that exists for the exclusive purpose of pre-  
16 serving, interpreting, and providing education  
17 about Nordic culture and heritage; and

18 (7) the Nordic Museum promotes valuable  
19 international relations between the United States  
20 and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Ice-  
21 land, Norway, and Sweden.

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

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Nordic Museum located at  
24 2655 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington, is des-  
25 ignated as the “National Nordic Museum”.

1 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The museum designated by  
3 subsection (a) is not a unit of the National Park  
4 System.

5 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—The designation  
6 of the museum by subsection (a) shall not require  
7 Federal funds to be expended for any purpose re-  
8 lated to the museum.

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