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S. 883

To authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2011

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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. FINDING.**

4 Congress finds that the contributions of free persons
5 and slaves who fought during the American Revolution
6 were of preeminent historical and lasting significance to

1 the United States, as required by section 8908(b)(1) of
2 title 40, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal
7 land” means the parcel of land—

8 (i) identified as “Area I”; and

9 (ii) depicted on the map numbered
10 869/86501B and dated June 24, 2003.

11 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “Federal
12 land” does not include the Reserve (as defined
13 in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States
14 Code).

15 (2) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means
16 the memorial authorized to be established under sec-
17 tion 3(a).

18 **SEC. 3. MEMORIAL AUTHORIZATION.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—In accordance with sub-
20 sections (b) and (c), National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.
21 may establish a memorial on Federal land in the District
22 of Columbia to honor the more than 5,000 courageous
23 slaves and free Black persons who served as soldiers and
24 sailors or provided civilian assistance during the American
25 Revolution.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—
2 National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. may not use Federal
3 funds to establish the memorial.

4 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—National Mall Liberty Fund
5 D.C. shall establish the memorial in accordance with chap-
6 ter 89 of title 40, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS.**

8 Public Law 99–558 (110 Stat. 3144) and Public Law
9 100–265 (102 Stat. 39) are repealed.

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