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To provide for the establishment of the National Coast Guard Museum
on Federal lands administered by the Coast Guard.

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Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SPENCE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FROST, and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the National Coast
Guard Museum on Federal lands administered by the
Coast Guard.

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 Coast Guard
5 Museum Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) There is no national museum to commemo-
4 rate and honor the Coast Guard's history, mission,
5 personnel, and traditions or those of its predecessor
6 services and agencies.

7 (2) There should be established a National
8 Coast Guard Museum to commemorate the 210
9 years of national maritime and military history of
10 the Coast Guard and its predecessor services and
11 agencies.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “Association”
15 means the National Coast Guard Museum Associa-
16 tion (a nonprofit corporation established under the
17 laws of the State of Massachusetts), or a similar or-
18 ganization.

19 (2) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
20 National Coast Guard Museum established under
21 sections 4(a).

22 (3) COMMANDANT.—The term “Commandant”
23 means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

24 (4) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Na-
25 tional Coast Guard Museum Fund established under
26 section 5(a).

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant may, in ac-
3 cordance with this section, establish, operate, and main-
4 tain a National Coast Guard Museum on Federal lands
5 that are administered by the Coast Guard and specified
6 by the Commandant.

7 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—

8 (1) LICENSE.—The Commandant may grant a
9 license to the Association authorizing the Association
10 to construct facilities for the Museum on the land
11 specified under subsection (a).

12 (2) TERMS.—The license under this subsection
13 shall include terms that establish the following:

14 (A) Upon completion of construction of fa-
15 cilities under the license, the Association shall
16 donate such facilities, including any associated
17 improvements, fixtures, and related personal
18 property, as a gift to Coast Guard.

19 (B) The United States shall have no re-
20 sponsibility for project management.

21 (C) The Association shall be responsible
22 for preparation of the design and plans for fa-
23 cilities constructed under the license, except
24 that the design and plans shall be subject to the
25 approval of the Commandant

1 (3) FUNDING.—(A) The Commandant shall not
2 allow construction of facilities for the Museum to
3 begin, and may not provide any Federal funds for
4 that construction, unless the Commandant deter-
5 mines that sufficient amounts, not less than
6 \$10,000,000, are available from non-Federal sources
7 to complete construction of the Museum in accord-
8 ance with the design and plans approved under
9 paragraph (2)(C).

10 (B) For the purposes of constructing the Mu-
11 seum, and subject to the availability of appropria-
12 tions, the Commandant may transfer to the Associa-
13 tion up to \$10,000,000.

14 (C) The Commandant shall require that
15 amounts transferred under subparagraph (B) that
16 are not expended on the construction of the Museum
17 shall be returned to the Coast Guard and deposited
18 into the Fund.

19 (4) LIABILITY.—The United States shall not be
20 liable for any act or omission relating to construc-
21 tion under the license.

22 (c) COMMANDANT'S AUTHORITIES.—Notwith-
23 standing any other provision of law, in connection with
24 the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the Mu-
25 seum, the Commandant may—

1 (1) rent or lease space within the Museum for
2 gift shops, food concessions, meeting or special event
3 spaces, and similar purposes or activities, under
4 such terms and conditions, and for such periods of
5 time, as the Commandant considers appropriate;

6 (2) accept, hold, administer, and, without fur-
7 ther Act of appropriation, spend any gift, devise, or
8 bequest of real or personal property (including
9 funds) that is made on the condition that it be used
10 for the benefit of, or in connection with the estab-
11 lishment, operation, or maintenance of, the Museum;

12 (3) pay necessary expenses in connection with
13 the conveyance or transfer of any such gift, devise
14 or bequest; and

15 (4) perform other acts as the Commandant
16 deems reasonable and appropriate.

17 (d) TREATMENT OF GIFTS.—For the purposes of
18 Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, property that is ac-
19 cepted under subsection (c)(2) shall be considered as a
20 gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the United
21 States.

22 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM FUND.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
24 Treasury a separate account that shall be known as the
25 “National Coast Guard Museum Fund”.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The Fund shall consist of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) Gifts, devises, and bequests of funds accept-
4 ed under section 4(c)(2).

5 (2) Amounts received by the United States
6 from the rental or leasing of space within the Mu-
7 seum under section 4(a).

8 (3) Interest credited under subsection (d).

9 (4) Amounts deposited under section
10 4(b)(3)(C).

11 (c) USE.—The Commandant may make disburse-
12 ments from the Fund for the establishment, operation, or
13 maintenance of the Museum, without further Act of appro-
14 priation and without fiscal year limitation.

15 (d) INVESTMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of the Com-
17 mandant, the Secretary of the Treasury may invest
18 amounts in the Fund in securities of, or in securities
19 whose principal and interest are guaranteed by, the
20 United States Government.

21 (2) INTEREST.—The interest and profits accru-
22 ing from investments under this subsection shall be
23 deposited to the credit of the Fund.

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