Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Science Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation”), is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation into the need for and the feasibility and usefulness of a geophysical institute located in the Territory of Hawaii. In conducting such an investigation, the Foundation shall give particular attention to—

(a) the benefits to the Federal Government which would arise from the establishment and maintenance of such an institute;

(b) the appropriateness of financing by the Federal Government, in whole or in part, of the establishment or of the establishment and maintenance of such an institute;

(c) if such financing by the Federal Government appears appropriate, the agency or agencies of the executive branch to which appropriation should be made and upon which directional authority should be conferred; and

(d) the extent, if any, to which such a geophysical institute should be a part of or otherwise related to the University of Hawaii.

Sec. 2. The Foundation shall report the results of its investigations, together with its recommendations based thereon, to the Congress not later than nine months after the date of enactment of this Act. The final report shall include estimates of the cost, if any, to the United States of the establishment or of the establishment and maintenance of the geophysical institute so recommended.

Approved August 1, 1956.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the Ericsson Memorial Committee of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, on behalf of the United States, is hereby authorized to accept the offer of the Ericsson Memorial Committee of the United States of a replica of the heroic bronze statue of Leif Ericsson, the original of said replica having been presented to the people of Iceland by the United States Government as a gesture of good will and friendly relations on the one thousandth anniversary of Althing, the Icelandic parliament.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized and directed to choose upon the recommendation of the National Commission of Fine Arts, and concurred in by the National Park Service, a site on the public grounds of the United States in the District of Columbia; and is further authorized and directed to design and erect an appropriate pedestal upon which to place said statue.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to accept from any source donations of funds to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this joint resolution.

Approved August 2, 1956.