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S. 2738

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Mr. DODD (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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

2 Congress finds that the contributions of free persons
3 and slaves who fought during the American Revolution
4 were of preeminent historical and lasting significance to
5 the United States, as required by section 8908(b)(1) of
6 title 40, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—

10 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “Federal
11 land” means the parcel of land—

12 (i) identified as “Area I”; and

13 (ii) depicted on the map numbered
14 869/86501 and dated May 1, 1986.

15 (B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term “Federal
16 land” does not include the Reserve (as defined
17 in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States
18 Code).

19 (2) **MEMORIAL.**—The term “memorial” means
20 the memorial authorized to be established under sec-
21 tion 4(a).

22 **SEC. 4. THE NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL.**

23 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—In accordance with sub-
24 sections (b) and (c), National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.
25 may establish a memorial on Federal land in the District
26 of Columbia to honor the more than 5,000 courageous

1 slaves and free Black persons who served as soldiers and
2 sailors or provided civilian assistance during the American
3 Revolution.

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

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

10 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS.**

11 Public Law 99–558 (110 Stat. 3144) and Public Law
12 100–265 (102 Stat. 39) are repealed.

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