
Session of 1999

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1617

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to authorize the placement in Statuary Hall of a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower in lieu of George W. Glick and encouraging the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. to organize and direct funding for creation of a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower for placement in Statuary Hall and providing for placement in Statuary Hall of a statue of Amelia Earhart in lieu of Senator John James Ingalls.

WHEREAS, By act of Congress, each state is invited to provide and furnish statues, not exceeding two in number, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services, such as the state shall determine to be worthy of national commemoration in a national statuary hall; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas has had one citizen, Dwight David Eisenhower, who stands alone in the history of this state in achievement of a distinguished career in both the civic and military services, a man whose destiny led him from a boyhood home in Abilene, Kansas, to lead the armies of his nation and those of the free world in one of the greatest and most historic military engagements of all time and to lead the people of his nation in peace as the 34th president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dwight David Eisenhower, citizen of Kansas, General of the Army, President of the United States and honored and respected friend of presidents, kings and leaders and peoples of the free world is eminently worthy of national commemoration in a national statuary hall; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas in years past did provide for the placing of two statues of distinguished citizens of Kansas in statuary hall; and

WHEREAS, One of such statues is of the Honorable George W. Glick, a man who although he did not hold national office or win national or international acclaim, was a most honored and distinguished governor and legislative and civic leader in the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Governor Glick can best be honored by locating his statue in a place of honor in the capitol of the state of Kansas where it

may be enjoyed by our citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The people of the state of Kansas wish to furnish a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower for placement in Statuary Hall in the capitol of this nation, with such statue hopefully being provided by the citizens of the state of Kansas through the efforts of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The creation of the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower depends upon the willingness of the trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. to organize a solicitation through appropriate representatives of the civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations of this state and the handling by such trustees of the funds so solicited; and

WHEREAS, A suitable statue of Dwight David Eisenhower must be created by a gifted and experienced sculptor who should be chosen by a committee of select persons suitably qualified to recommend the selection of such sculptor, and the trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation should name such a select commission; and

WHEREAS, When an appropriate sculptor has been selected to create the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower, the trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. would be suitable to contract with the sculptor with funds obtained as indicated in this preamble for the creation of such a statue; and

WHEREAS, When the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower is completed, necessary plans need to be made and action needs to be taken to transport the statue to Washington, D.C. for installation in Statuary Hall and for the return of Governor Glick's statue to Kansas for installation in the state capitol in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, Should the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. be unable or unwilling to perform the functions described in this preamble, the responsibility for the creation and installation of the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower should be assumed by the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has another hero, Amelia Earhart, a native of Atchison, who as a pioneer for women in aviation lost her life under still unknown circumstances, and is a Kansan worthy of recognition by placing a statue of her in Statuary Hall. Further, it is appropriate that the statue of Amelia Earhart be substituted for that of another Atchison native, former U.S. Senator John James Ingalls, whose statue should be returned to Kansas for an appropriate placement: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-

representatives concurring therein: That the legislature of the state of Kansas respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States return the statue of George W. Glick earlier presented by the state of Kansas for placement in Statuary Hall and accept in return, for placement in Statuary Hall, a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower, a citizen of the free world, and worthy of national commemoration in Statuary Hall; and

Be it further resolved: That the legislature of the state of Kansas, on behalf of the people of this state and on behalf of this state itself, respectfully requests the trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. to appoint a commission of representatives of civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations of this state, and to convey to such commission a charge to organize a solicitation for funds for the creation of a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower as contemplated by this resolution. Such trustees are further requested to provide management assistance to such commission and to receive and employ the funds so obtained to acquire such statue for placement in Statuary Hall in the capitol of this nation. Such trustees are further requested to appoint a committee of persons suitably qualified to select a gifted and experienced sculptor to create a suitable statue of Dwight David Eisenhower. Such trustees are further requested to contract with such sculptor with funds obtained as indicated in this resolution for the creation of such statue. Thereupon such trustees are further requested to make the statue so created of Dwight David Eisenhower available for placement in Statuary hall, the same to then be owned by the Congress of the United States; and

Be it further resolved: That the City of Atchison and the Atchison Chamber of Commerce should be tasked to find funds for the costs of the creation, transportation and installation of the statue of Amelia Earhart in Statuary Hall and for returning the statue of Senator Ingalls to Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That should the efforts of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc. and the commission of representatives of civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations of this state be unable to fulfill the object of this resolution, and the City of Atchison and the Atchison Chamber of Commerce be unable to successfully fund the placement of a statue of Amelia Earhart in Statuary Hall and transporting the statue of Senator Ingalls back to Kansas, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing is tasked to take action ultimately providing a statue of Dwight David Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart for placement in Statuary Hall; and

Be it further resolved: That the cost of the creation of the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower, as well as the costs for transporting the statue of Dwight David Eisenhower to Washington, D.C. and transporting the statue of Governor Glick to the state capitol in Topeka, plus incidental costs for installation of statues in their permanent locations and the es-

stantial costs of any unveiling ceremonies should be borne by the state of Kansas through the use of private or public funds; and

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of state is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each member of the Kansas delegation in the Congress of the United States, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state of Kansas and to each of the trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation, Inc.

I hereby certify that the above Concurrent Resolution originated in the Senate, and was adopted by that body

Senate concurred in
House amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the House
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.