

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2837

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Pierre L'Enfant from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in the United States Capitol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2015

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Pierre L'Enfant was born in France in
6 1754, and traveled to the United States to serve
7 with the United States in the Revolutionary War.

1 (2) Pierre L’Enfant was an engineer and archi-
2 tect, and in 1791 he developed the unique and ex-
3 ceptional design for the Nation’s capital that laid
4 the framework for the modern-day District of Co-
5 lumbia that is followed and maintained until today.

6 (3) L’Enfant’s remarkable design envisioned a
7 distinguishable federal and residential city with di-
8 agonal streets propelling from Congress and the
9 President’s home, beautiful boulevards on local
10 streets and neighborhoods, and open spaces for
11 monuments, memorials, and historical structures, all
12 of which largely remain intact, protected as a histor-
13 ical treasure.

14 (4) The United States Capitol does not cur-
15 rently appropriately recognize the contributions of
16 Pierre L’Enfant.

17 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE OF STATUE OF PIERRE L’ENFANT FOR**
18 **PLACEMENT IN UNITED STATES CAPITOL.**

19 (a) ACCEPTANCE.—Not later than 2 years after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee
21 on the Library shall accept from the District of Columbia
22 the donation of a statue depicting Pierre L’Enfant, sub-
23 ject to the terms and conditions that the Joint Committee
24 considers appropriate.

1 (b) PLACEMENT.—The Joint Committee shall place
2 the statue accepted under subsection (a) in a suitable per-
3 manent location in the United States Capitol.

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