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Joint Resolution

Oct. 27, 1986
[H.J. Res. 142]

To authorize the erection of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the estimated five thousand courageous slaves and free black persons who served as soldiers and sailors or provided civilian assistance during the American Revolution and to honor the countless black men, women, and children who ran away from slavery or filed petitions with courts and legislatures seeking their freedom.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

AUTHORIZATION OF MEMORIAL

40 USC 1003
note.

SECTION 1. The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation is authorized to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the estimated five thousand courageous slaves and free black persons who served as soldiers and sailors or provided civilian assistance during the American Revolution and to honor the countless black men, women, and children who ran away from slavery or filed petitions with courts and legislatures seeking their freedom. Such memorial shall be established in accordance with the provisions of H.R. 4378, as approved by the House of Representative on September 29, 1986.

FUNDING

SEC. 2. The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation shall establish the memorial with non-Federal funds.

Approved October 27, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 142:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 99-340 (Comm. on House Administration).
SENATE REPORTS: No. 99-462 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:
Vol. 131 (1985): Nov. 4, 6, considered and passed House.
Vol. 132 (1986): Oct. 16, considered and passed Senate, amended.
Oct. 17, House concurred in Senate amendments.