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## AN ACT

To establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemo-  
4 ration Act of 2007”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
6 this Act is as follows:

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7 **TITLE I—FINDINGS AND**  
8 **PURPOSE**

9 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

10 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

11 (1) The first European exploration of the Hud-  
12 son River and Lake Champlain and the introduction  
13 of steam navigation to maritime commerce were  
14 events of major historical importance, both in the  
15 United States and internationally.

1           (2) In 1609, Englishman Henry Hudson, acting  
2           in the service of the Dutch East India Company,  
3           was the first European to sail up the river later  
4           named for him in the vessel HALF MOON. Also in  
5           1609, French explorer Samuel de Champlain was  
6           the first European to see the lake later named for  
7           him, as well as the shores of Northern New York  
8           and Vermont.

9           (3) These voyages were two of the most signifi-  
10          cant passages in the European exploration and dis-  
11          covery of America, and included two of the earliest  
12          contacts in the New World between Native Ameri-  
13          cans and Europeans.

14          (4) These explorations led to the establishment  
15          of Fort Orange, a Dutch (and later English) settle-  
16          ment of what is now the capital city of the State of  
17          New York, as well as the establishment of French  
18          trading posts, military posts, and settlements as far  
19          south as Lake George. From these early establish-  
20          ments came trade, commerce, cultural, and religious  
21          impact deep into the Mohawk Valley and as far west  
22          as Lake Erie. These settlements influenced the Na-  
23          tion's history, culture, law, commerce, and traditions  
24          of liberty that extend to the present day, and that

1 are constantly reflected in the position of the United  
2 States as the leader of the nations of the free world.

3 (5) In 1807, Robert Fulton navigated the Hud-  
4 son River from the city of New York to Albany in  
5 the steamboat CLERMONT, successfully inau-  
6 gurating steam navigation on a commercial basis.  
7 This event is one of the most important events in  
8 the history of navigation. It revolutionized water-  
9 borne commerce on the great rivers of the United  
10 States, transformed naval warfare, and fostered  
11 international relations through transoceanic travel  
12 and trade.

13 (6) In 1909, the Congress authorized a Cham-  
14 plain Tercentennial Commission and supported its  
15 activities. The Congress recognized the 350th anni-  
16 versary by establishing a similar commission to co-  
17 ordinate Federal participation in the 1959 celebra-  
18 tion of Hudson's and Champlain's discoveries.

19 (7) The National Park Service owns and oper-  
20 ates significant resources in New York related to the  
21 early history of the Nation and the Hudson River  
22 Valley.

23 (8) In 2000, Canada's Province of Quebec es-  
24 tablished a Quebec 400 Commission with a budget  
25 in excess of \$1,000,000, of which commemoration of

1 the 1609 Champlain voyage into the Lake Cham-  
2 plain region is a part.

3 (9) In 2002, the State of New York established  
4 a Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Commission.

5 (10) In 2003, the State of Vermont established  
6 a Lake Champlain Quadricentennial Commission.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-  
8 lish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration  
9 Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemora-  
10 tion Commission, to—

11 (1) ensure a suitable national observance of the  
12 Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton, and Samuel de  
13 Champlain 2009 commemorations through coopera-  
14 tion with and assistance to the programs and activi-  
15 ties of New York, Vermont, and the commemorative  
16 commissions formed by these States;

17 (2) assist in ensuring that Hudson-Fulton-  
18 Champlain 2009 observances provide an excellent  
19 visitor experience and beneficial interaction between  
20 visitors and the natural and cultural resources of the  
21 New York and Vermont sites;

22 (3) assist in ensuring that Hudson-Fulton-  
23 Champlain 2009 observances are inclusive and ap-  
24 propriately recognize the diverse Hudson River and

1 Lake Champlain Valley communities that developed  
2 over four centuries;

3 (4) facilitate international involvement, includ-  
4 ing the involvement of the commemorative commis-  
5 sion formed by Canada, in the Hudson-Fulton-  
6 Champlain 2009 observances;

7 (5) support and facilitate marketing efforts for  
8 a commemorative coin, a commemorative stamp, and  
9 related activities for the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain  
10 2009 observances;

11 (6) assist in the appropriate development of  
12 heritage tourism and economic benefits to the  
13 United States; and

14 (7) support and facilitate the related efforts of  
15 the Lake Champlain Basin Program in the coordina-  
16 tion of efforts to commemorate the voyage of Samuel  
17 de Champlain.

18 **SEC. 102. COORDINATION.**

19 The two commissions established under this Act shall  
20 ensure coordination of their activities to achieve seamless  
21 and successful commemorations, and ensure consistency  
22 with the plans and programs of the commemorative com-  
23 missions established by the States of New York and  
24 Vermont.

1 **TITLE** **II—CHAMPLAIN**  
2 **QUADRICENTENNIAL COM-**  
3 **MEMORATION COMMISSION**

4 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) **COMMEMORATION.**—The term “commemo-  
7 ration” means the commemoration of the 400th an-  
8 niversary of Samuel de Champlain’s voyage.

9 (2) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”  
10 means the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemo-  
11 ration Commission established by section 202(a).

12 (3) **LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN PROGRAM.**—The  
13 term “Lake Champlain Basin Program” means the  
14 partnership with Federal agencies established by the  
15 States of New York and Vermont under section 120  
16 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
17 U.S.C. 1270) to implement the Lake Champlain  
18 management plan entitled “Opportunities for Ac-  
19 tion”.

20 (4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (5) **STATES.**—The term “States”—

23 (A) means the States of New York and  
24 Vermont; and

1 (B) includes agencies and other entities of  
2 each such State.

3 **SEC. 202. CHAMPLAIN QUADRICENTENNIAL COMMEMORA-**  
4 **TION COMMISSION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
6 commission to be known as the “Champlain  
7 Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission”.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
10 composed of 11 members, of whom—

11 (A) 2 members shall be employees of the  
12 National Park Service, of whom—

13 (i) one shall be the Director of the  
14 National Park Service (or a designee of the  
15 Director); and

16 (ii) one shall be an employee of the  
17 National Park Service having experience  
18 relevant to the commemoration, who shall  
19 be appointed by the Secretary;

20 (B) 4 members shall be appointed by the  
21 Secretary from among individuals who, on the  
22 date of the enactment of this Act, are serving  
23 as members of the State of New York’s Hud-  
24 son-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Com-

1 mission and are residents of the Champlain  
2 Valley;

3 (C) 4 members shall be appointed by the  
4 Secretary from among individuals who, on the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, are serving  
6 as members of the State of Vermont's Lake  
7 Champlain Quadricentennial Commission and  
8 are residents of Vermont; and

9 (D) one member shall be appointed by the  
10 Secretary from among individuals who have an  
11 interest in, demonstrated their support for, and  
12 demonstrated expertise appropriate to, the com-  
13 memoration, and are knowledgeable of the  
14 Champlain Valley.

15 (2) TERM; VACANCIES.—

16 (A) TERM.—Each member of the Commis-  
17 sion shall be appointed for the life of the Com-  
18 mission.

19 (B) VACANCIES.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the  
21 Commission shall be filled in the same  
22 manner in which the original appointment  
23 was made.

24 (ii) PARTIAL TERM.—A member ap-  
25 pointed to fill a vacancy on the Commis-

1           sion shall serve for the remainder of the  
2           term for which the predecessor of the  
3           member was appointed.

4           (3) MEETINGS.—

5           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
6           meet—

7                   (i) at least twice each year; or

8                   (ii) at the call of the chairperson or  
9           the majority of the members of the Com-  
10          mission.

11          (B) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30  
12          days after the date on which all members of the  
13          Commission have been appointed, the Commis-  
14          sion shall hold the initial meeting of the Com-  
15          mission.

16          (4) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

17               (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
18               elect the chairperson and the vice chairperson  
19               of the Commission on an annual basis.

20               (B) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The vice chair-  
21               person shall serve as the chairperson in the ab-  
22               sence of the chairperson.

23          (5) QUORUM.—A majority of voting members of  
24          the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a  
25          lesser number may hold meetings.

1           (6) VOTING.—The Commission shall act only  
2           on an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting  
3           members of the Commission.

4           (c) DUTIES.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

6           (A) plan, develop, and execute programs  
7           and activities appropriate to commemorate the  
8           400th anniversary of the voyage of Samuel de  
9           Champlain, the first European to discover and  
10          explore Lake Champlain;

11          (B) facilitate Champlain-related activities  
12          throughout the United States;

13          (C) coordinate its activities with State  
14          commemoration commissions and appropriate  
15          Federal Government entities, including the De-  
16          partments of Agriculture, Defense, State, and  
17          Transportation, the Lake Champlain Basin  
18          Program, the National Endowment for the Hu-  
19          manities and the National Endowment for the  
20          Arts, and the Smithsonian Institution;

21          (D) encourage civic, patriotic, historical,  
22          educational, artistic, religious, economic, and  
23          other organizations throughout the United  
24          States to organize and participate in anniver-  
25          sary activities to expand the understanding and

1 appreciation of the significance of the voyage of  
2 Samuel de Champlain;

3 (E) provide technical assistance to States,  
4 localities, and nonprofit organizations to further  
5 the commemoration;

6 (F) coordinate and facilitate for the public  
7 scholarly research on, publication about, and in-  
8 terpretation of, the voyage of Samuel de Cham-  
9 plain;

10 (G) ensure that the Champlain 2009 anni-  
11 versary provides a lasting legacy and long-term  
12 public benefit by assisting in the development of  
13 appropriate programs and facilities;

14 (H) assist in ensuring that the observances  
15 of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain are in-  
16 clusive and appropriately recognize the experi-  
17 ences and heritage of all people present when  
18 Samuel de Champlain arrived in the Champlain  
19 Valley; and

20 (I) consult and coordinate with the Lake  
21 Champlain Basin Program and other relevant  
22 organizations in the planning and development  
23 of programs and activities for the commemora-  
24 tion of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain.

1           (2) STRATEGIC PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORM-  
2           ANCE PLANS.—The Commission shall prepare a  
3           strategic plan in accordance with section 306 of title  
4           5, United States Code, and annual performance  
5           plans in accordance with section 1115 of title 31,  
6           United States Code, for the activities of the Com-  
7           mission carried out under this Act.

8           (3) REPORTS.—

9           (A) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Commission  
10          shall submit to the Congress an annual report  
11          that contains a list of each gift, bequest, or de-  
12          vise with a value of more than \$250, together  
13          with the identity of the donor of each such gift,  
14          bequest, or devise.

15          (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-  
16          tember 30, 2010, the Commission shall submit  
17          to the Secretary a final report that contains—

18                 (i) a summary of the activities of the  
19                 Commission;

20                 (ii) a final accounting of funds re-  
21                 ceived and expended by the Commission;  
22                 and

23                 (iii) the findings and recommenda-  
24                 tions of the Commission.

25          (d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may—

2 (A) solicit, accept, use, and dispose of  
3 gifts, bequests, or devises of money or other  
4 real or personal property for the purpose of aid-  
5 ing or facilitating the work of the Commission;

6 (B) appoint such advisory committees as  
7 the Commission determines to be necessary to  
8 carry out this Act;

9 (C) authorize any member or employee of  
10 the Commission to take any action that the  
11 Commission is authorized to take by this Act;

12 (D) subject to the availability of appropria-  
13 tions, procure supplies, services, and property,  
14 and make or enter into contracts, leases, or  
15 other legal agreements, to carry out this Act,  
16 except that any contracts, leases, or other legal  
17 agreements made or entered into by the Com-  
18 mission directly or with administrative assist-  
19 ance from the Lake Champlain Basin Program  
20 shall not extend beyond the date of the termi-  
21 nation of the Commission;

22 (E) use the United States mails in the  
23 same manner and under the same conditions as  
24 other Federal agencies;

1 (F) subject to approval by the Commission  
2 and the availability of appropriations, make  
3 grants in amounts not to exceed \$20,000 to  
4 communities, nonprofit organizations, and com-  
5 memorative commissions formed by the States  
6 to develop programs to assist in the commemo-  
7 ration;

8 (G) subject to the availability of appropria-  
9 tions, make grants in amounts not to exceed  
10 \$20,000 to research and scholarly organizations  
11 to research, publish, or distribute information  
12 relating to the early history of the voyage of  
13 Champlain; and

14 (H) provide technical assistance to the  
15 States, localities, and nonprofit organizations to  
16 develop programs and facilities to further the  
17 commemoration.

18 (2) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION WITH  
19 LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN PROGRAM.—The Commis-  
20 sion shall coordinate and consult with the Lake  
21 Champlain Basin Program in providing grants and  
22 technical assistance under subparagraphs (F), (G),  
23 and (H) of paragraph (1) for the conduct of activi-  
24 ties relating to the commemoration of the voyage of  
25 Samuel de Champlain.

1 (e) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

2 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COM-  
3 MISSION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
5 subparagraph (B), a member of the Commis-  
6 sion shall serve without compensation.

7 (B) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A member of  
8 the Commission who is an officer or employee  
9 of the Federal Government shall serve without  
10 compensation in addition to the compensation  
11 received for the services of the member as an  
12 officer or employee of the Federal Government.

13 (C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the  
14 Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, in-  
15 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates  
16 authorized for an employee of an agency under  
17 subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
18 States Code, while away from the home or reg-  
19 ular place of business of the member in the per-  
20 formance of the duties of the Commission.

21 (2) STAFF.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The chairperson of the  
23 Commission may, without regard to the civil  
24 service laws (including regulations), appoint  
25 and terminate an executive director and such

1 other additional personnel as are necessary to  
2 enable the Commission to perform the duties of  
3 the Commission.

4 (B) CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIREC-  
5 TOR.—The employment of an executive director  
6 shall be subject to confirmation by the Commis-  
7 sion.

8 (3) COMPENSATION.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
10 subparagraph (B), the chairperson of the Com-  
11 mission may fix the compensation of the execu-  
12 tive director and other personnel without regard  
13 to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter  
14 III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code,  
15 relating to classification of positions and Gen-  
16 eral Schedule pay rates.

17 (B) MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.—The rate of  
18 pay for the executive director and other per-  
19 sonnel shall not exceed the rate payable for  
20 level V of the Executive Schedule under section  
21 5316 of title 5, United States Code.

22 (4) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT AND LAKE CHAM-  
23 PLAIN BASIN PROGRAM EMPLOYEES.—

24 (A) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—At the request of  
2 the Commission, the head of any Federal  
3 agency may detail, on a reimbursable or  
4 nonreimbursable basis, any of the per-  
5 sonnel of the agency to the Commission to  
6 assist the Commission in carrying out the  
7 duties of the Commission under this Act.

8 (ii) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The de-  
9 tail of an employee under clause (i) shall  
10 be without interruption or loss of civil serv-  
11 ice status or privilege.

12 (B) STATE EMPLOYEES.—The Commission  
13 may—

14 (i) accept the services of personnel de-  
15 tailed from States (including subdivisions  
16 of States); and

17 (ii) reimburse States for services of  
18 detailed personnel.

19 (C) LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN PROGRAM  
20 EMPLOYEES.—The Commission may—

21 (i) accept the services of personnel  
22 from the Lake Champlain Basin Program;  
23 and

1                   (ii) reimburse the Lake Champlain  
2                   Basin Program for services of detailed per-  
3                   sonnel.

4                   (5) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERV-  
5                   ICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31,  
6                   United States Code, the Commission may accept and  
7                   use voluntary and uncompensated services as the  
8                   Commission determines necessary.

9                   (6) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Director of the  
10                  National Park Service shall provide to the Commis-  
11                  sion, on a reimbursable basis, such administrative  
12                  support services as the Commission may request.

13                  (f) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-  
14                  TENT SERVICES.—Subject to the availability of appropria-  
15                  tions, the chairperson of the Commission may procure  
16                  temporary and intermittent services in accordance with  
17                  section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates  
18                  for individuals that do not exceed the daily equivalent of  
19                  the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the  
20                  Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

21                  (g) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 14(b) of the  
22                  Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not  
23                  apply to the Commission.

1 (h) NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this  
2 section supersedes the authority of the States or the Na-  
3 tional Park Service concerning the commemoration.

4 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
5 on December 31, 2010, and shall transfer all documents  
6 and materials of the Commission to the National Archives  
7 or other appropriate Federal entity.

8 **SEC. 203. AUDIT OF COMMISSION.**

9 The Inspector General of the Department of the Inte-  
10 rior shall perform an annual audit of the Commission,  
11 shall make the results of the audit available to the public,  
12 and shall transmit such results to the Committee on Gov-  
13 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for  
16 each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this  
17 title, of which—

18 (1) 45 percent shall be for New York activities  
19 relating to the Samuel de Champlain commemora-  
20 tion;

21 (2) 45 percent shall be for Vermont activities  
22 relating to the Samuel de Champlain commemora-  
23 tion; and

1           (3) 10 percent shall be for distribution by the  
2           Commission in accordance with this Act for activities  
3           relating to the commemoration.

4 **TITLE            III—HUDSON-FULTON**  
5 **400TH            COMMEMORATION**  
6 **COMMISSION**

7 **SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.**

8           In this title:

9           (1) **COMMEMORATION.**—The term “commemo-  
10          ration” means the commemoration of—

11                   (A) the 200th anniversary of Robert Ful-  
12                   ton’s voyage in the CLERMONT; and

13                   (B) the 400th anniversary of Henry Hud-  
14                   son’s voyage in the HALF MOON.

15           (2) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”  
16          means the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration  
17          Commission established by section 302(a).

18           (3) **GOVERNOR.**—The term “Governor” means  
19          the Governor of the State of New York.

20           (4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
21          the Secretary of the Interior.

22           (5) **STATE.**—The term “State”—

23                   (A) means the State of New York; and

24                   (B) includes agencies and entities of each  
25          such State.

1 **SEC. 302. HUDSON-FULTON 400TH COMMEMORATION COM-**  
2 **MISSION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
4 commission to be known as the “Hudson-Fulton 400th  
5 Commemoration Commission”.

6 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
8 composed of 16 members, of whom—

9 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
10 Secretary, after consideration of the rec-  
11 ommendation of the Governor;

12 (B) 6 members shall be appointed by the  
13 Secretary, after consideration of the rec-  
14 ommendations from the Members of the House  
15 of Representatives whose districts encompass  
16 the Hudson River Valley;

17 (C) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
18 Secretary, after consideration of the rec-  
19 ommendations from the Members of the Senate  
20 from New York;

21 (D) 2 members shall be employees of the  
22 National Park Service, of whom—

23 (i) one shall be the Director of the  
24 National Park Service (or a designee of the  
25 Director); and

1                   (ii) one shall be an employee of the  
2                   National Park Service having experience  
3                   relevant to the commemoration, who shall  
4                   be appointed by the Secretary;

5                   (E) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
6                   Secretary from among individuals who have an  
7                   interest in, demonstrated their support for, and  
8                   demonstrated expertise appropriate to, the com-  
9                   memoration, of whom—

10                   (i) one shall be knowledgeable of the  
11                   Hudson River Valley National Heritage  
12                   Area; and

13                   (ii) one shall be knowledgeable of New  
14                   York City as it relates to the commemora-  
15                   tion;

16                   (F) one member shall be the chairperson of  
17                   any commemorative commission formed by New  
18                   York, or the designee of the chairperson; and

19                   (G) two members shall be appointed by the  
20                   Secretary, after consideration of the rec-  
21                   ommendation of the mayor of the City of New  
22                   York and after consultation with Members of  
23                   the House of Representatives whose districts  
24                   encompass the City of New York.

25                   (2) TERM; VACANCIES.—

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13 member was appointed.

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15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
16 meet—

17 (i) at least twice each year; or

18 (ii) at the call of the chairperson or  
19 the majority of the members of the Com-  
20 mission.

21 (B) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30  
22 days after the date on which all members of the  
23 Commission have been appointed, the Commis-  
24 sion shall hold the initial meeting of the Com-  
25 mission.

1 (4) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
3 elect the chairperson and the vice chairperson  
4 of the Commission on an annual basis.

5 (B) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The vice chair-  
6 person shall serve as the chairperson in the ab-  
7 sence of the chairperson.

8 (5) QUORUM.—A majority of voting members  
9 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may  
10 hold meetings.

11 (6) VOTING.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
13 act only on an affirmative vote of a majority of  
14 the voting members of the Commission.

15 (B) NONVOTING MEMBER.—The individual  
16 appointed under subparagraph (D)(ii) of para-  
17 graph (1) shall be a nonvoting member, and  
18 shall serve only in an advisory capacity.

19 (c) DUTIES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

21 (A) plan, develop, and execute programs  
22 and activities appropriate to commemorate the  
23 400th anniversary of the voyage of Henry Hud-  
24 son, the first European to sail up the Hudson  
25 River, and the 200th anniversary of the voyage

1 of Robert Fulton, the first person to use steam  
2 navigation on a commercial basis;

3 (B) facilitate Hudson-Fulton-related activi-  
4 ties throughout the United States;

5 (C) coordinate its activities with the State  
6 commemoration commission and appropriate  
7 Federal Government agencies, including the De-  
8 partments of Agriculture, Defense, State, and  
9 Transportation, the National Park Service with  
10 respect to the Hudson River Valley National  
11 Heritage Area, and the American Heritage Riv-  
12 ers Initiative Interagency Committee estab-  
13 lished by Executive Order 13061, dated Sep-  
14 tember 11, 1997, the National Endowment for  
15 the Humanities and the National Endowment  
16 for the Arts, and the Smithsonian Institution;

17 (D) encourage civic, patriotic, historical,  
18 educational, artistic, religious, economic, and  
19 other organizations throughout the United  
20 States to organize and participate in anniver-  
21 sary activities to expand the understanding and  
22 appreciation of the significance of the voyages  
23 of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton;

1           (E) provide technical assistance to States,  
2           localities, and nonprofit organizations to further  
3           the commemoration;

4           (F) coordinate and facilitate for the public  
5           scholarly research on, publication about, and in-  
6           terpretation of, the voyages of Henry Hudson  
7           and Robert Fulton;

8           (G) ensure that the Hudson-Fulton 2009  
9           commemorations provide a lasting legacy and  
10          long-term public benefit by assisting in the de-  
11          velopment of appropriate programs and facili-  
12          ties; and

13          (H) assist in ensuring that the observances  
14          of the voyage of Henry Hudson are inclusive  
15          and appropriately recognize the experiences and  
16          heritage of all people present when Henry Hud-  
17          son sailed the Hudson River.

18          (2) STRATEGIC PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORM-  
19          ANCE PLANS.—The Commission shall prepare a  
20          strategic plan in accordance with section 306 of title  
21          5, United States Code, and annual performance  
22          plans in accordance with section 1115 of title 31,  
23          United States Code, for the activities of the Com-  
24          mission carried out under this Act.

25          (3) REPORTS.—

1 (A) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Commission  
2 shall submit to the Congress an annual report  
3 that contains a list of each gift, bequest, or de-  
4 vise with a value of more than \$250, together  
5 with the identity of the donor of each such gift,  
6 bequest, or devise.

7 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2010, the Commission shall submit  
9 to the Secretary a final report that contains—

10 (i) a summary of the activities of the  
11 Commission;

12 (ii) a final accounting of funds re-  
13 ceived and expended by the Commission;  
14 and

15 (iii) the findings and recommenda-  
16 tions of the Commission.

17 (d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may—

19 (A) solicit, accept, use, and dispose of  
20 gifts, bequests, or devises of money or other  
21 real or personal property for the purpose of aid-  
22 ing or facilitating the work of the Commission;

23 (B) appoint such advisory committees as  
24 the Commission determines to be necessary to  
25 carry out this Act;

1 (C) authorize any member or employee of  
2 the Commission to take any action that the  
3 Commission is authorized to take by this Act;

4 (D) subject to the availability of appropria-  
5 tions, procure supplies, services, and property,  
6 and make or enter into contracts, leases, or  
7 other legal agreements, to carry out this Act ex-  
8 cept that any contracts, leases, or other legal  
9 agreements made or entered into by the Com-  
10 mission shall not extend beyond the date of the  
11 termination of the Commission;

12 (E) use the United States mails in the  
13 same manner and under the same conditions as  
14 other Federal agencies;

15 (F) subject to approval by the Commission  
16 and the availability of appropriations, make  
17 grants in amounts not to exceed \$20,000 to  
18 communities, nonprofit organizations, and com-  
19 memorative commissions formed by the State to  
20 develop programs to assist in the commemora-  
21 tion;

22 (G) subject to the availability of appropria-  
23 tions, make grants in amounts not to exceed  
24 \$20,000 to research and scholarly organizations  
25 to research, publish, or distribute information

1 relating to the early history of the voyages of  
2 Hudson and Fulton; and

3 (H) provide technical assistance to the  
4 State, localities, and nonprofit organizations to  
5 develop programs and facilities to further the  
6 commemoration.

7 (e) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

8 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COM-  
9 MISSION.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
11 subparagraph (B), a member of the Commis-  
12 sion shall serve without compensation.

13 (B) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A member of  
14 the Commission who is an officer or employee  
15 of the Federal Government shall serve without  
16 compensation in addition to the compensation  
17 received for the services of the member as an  
18 officer or employee of the Federal Government.

19 (C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the  
20 Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, in-  
21 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates  
22 authorized for an employee of an agency under  
23 subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
24 States Code, while away from the home or reg-

1           ular place of business of the member in the per-  
2           formance of the duties of the Commission.

3           (2) STAFF.—

4                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The chairperson of the  
5           Commission may, without regard to the civil  
6           service laws (including regulations), appoint  
7           and terminate an executive director and such  
8           other additional personnel as are necessary to  
9           enable the Commission to perform the duties of  
10          the Commission.

11                   (B) CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIREC-  
12          TOR.—The employment of an executive director  
13          shall be subject to confirmation by the Commis-  
14          sion.

15          (3) COMPENSATION.—

16                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
17          subparagraph (B), the chairperson of the Com-  
18          mission may fix the compensation of the execu-  
19          tive director and other personnel without regard  
20          to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter  
21          III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code,  
22          relating to classification of positions and Gen-  
23          eral Schedule pay rates.

24                   (B) MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.—The rate of  
25          pay for the executive director and other per-

1           sonnel shall not exceed the rate payable for  
2           level V of the Executive Schedule under section  
3           5316 of title 5, United States Code.

4           (4) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—

5                   (A) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—

6                           (i) IN GENERAL.—At the request of  
7                           the Commission, the head of any Federal  
8                           agency may detail, on a reimbursable or  
9                           nonreimbursable basis, any of the per-  
10                           sonnel of the agency to the Commission to  
11                           assist the Commission in carrying out the  
12                           duties of the Commission under this Act.

13                           (ii) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The de-  
14                           tail of an employee under clause (i) shall  
15                           be without interruption or loss of civil serv-  
16                           ice status or privilege.

17                   (B) STATE EMPLOYEES.—The Commission  
18           may—

19                           (i) accept the services of personnel de-  
20                           tailed from the State (including subdivi-  
21                           sions of the State); and

22                           (ii) reimburse the State for services of  
23                           detailed personnel.

24           (5) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERV-  
25           ICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31,

1 United States Code, the Commission may accept and  
2 use voluntary and uncompensated services as the  
3 Commission determines necessary.

4 (6) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Director of the  
5 National Park Service shall provide to the Commis-  
6 sion, on a reimbursable basis, such administrative  
7 support services as the Commission may request.

8 (f) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-  
9 TENT SERVICES.—Subject to the availability of appropria-  
10 tions, the chairperson of the Commission may procure  
11 temporary and intermittent services in accordance with  
12 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates  
13 for individuals that do not exceed the daily equivalent of  
14 the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the  
15 Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

16 (g) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 14(b) of the  
17 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not  
18 apply to the Commission.

19 (h) NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this  
20 section supersedes the authority of the States or the Na-  
21 tional Park Service concerning the commemoration.

22 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
23 on December 31, 2010, and shall transfer all documents  
24 and materials of the Commission to the National Archives  
25 or other appropriate Federal entity.

1 **SEC. 303. AUDIT OF COMMISSION.**

2       The Inspector General of the Department of the Inte-  
3 rior shall perform an annual audit of the Commission,  
4 shall make the results of the audit available to the public,  
5 and shall transmit such results to the Committee on Gov-  
6 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 304. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8       There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for  
9 each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this  
10 title, of which—

11           (1) 80 percent shall be for Hudson Valley ac-  
12 tivities relating to the commemoration;

13           (2) 10 percent shall be for New York City ac-  
14 tivities relating to the commemoration; and

15           (3) 10 percent shall be for distribution by the  
16 Commission in accordance with this Act for activities  
17 relating to the commemoration.

      Passed the House of Representatives September 24,  
2007.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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**H. R. 1520**

**AN ACT**

To establish the Champlain Quadrcentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.