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H. R. 2553

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited at the “Public Diplomacy Re-
5 source Centers Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LI-
8 BRARIES.—Section 1(b)(3) of the State Department Basic
9 Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(b)(3)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
14 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 paragraph:

17 “(F) provide for the establishment of new
18 and the maintenance of existing libraries and
19 resource centers at or in connection with United
20 States diplomatic and consular missions.”.

21 (b) OPERATION OF LIBRARIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
23 ensure that libraries and resource centers estab-
24 lished and maintained in accordance with subpara-
25 graph (F) of section 1(b)(3) of the State Depart-

1 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (as added by
2 section 2(a)(3) of this Act) are open to the general
3 public to the greatest extent practicable, subject to
4 policies and procedures established by the Secretary
5 to ensure the safety and security of United States
6 diplomatic and consular missions and of United
7 States officers, employees, and personnel posted at
8 such missions at which such libraries are located.

9 (2) JOHNNY GRANT FILM SERIES.—The Sec-
10 retary of State shall ensure that such libraries and
11 resource centers schedule public showings of Amer-
12 ican films that showcase American culture, society,
13 values, and history. Such public showings shall be
14 known as the “Johnny Grant Film Series”.

15 (c) RECEIPT OF DONATIONS.—The Secretary of
16 State may accept donations that are made to the libraries
17 and resource centers authorized under this Act if the Sec-
18 retary determines that such receipt will not result in any
19 cost to the Federal Government.

20 (d) ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLO-
21 MACY.—The Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy
22 (authorized under section 1334 of the Foreign Affairs Re-
23 form and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6553))
24 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
25 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign

1 Relations of the Senate a report containing and evaluation
2 of the functions and effectiveness of the libraries and re-
3 source centers that are authorized under this Act.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
5 tion to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appro-
6 priated to the Department of State to carry out purposes
7 similar to those required under this Act, there are author-
8 ized to the Secretary of State such sums as may be nec-
9 essary to carry out this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives October 9,
2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.