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H. R. 2742

To authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and
Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural
Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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. OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL**
4 **CENTER AND MUSEUM.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) In order to promote better understanding
8 between Indian and non-Indian citizens of the
9 United States, and in light of the Federal Govern-

1 ment's continuing trust responsibilities to Indian
2 tribes, it is appropriate, desirable, and a proper
3 function of the Federal Government to provide
4 grants for the development of a museum designated
5 to display the heritage and culture of Indian tribes.

6 (2) In recognition of the unique status and his-
7 tory of Indian tribes in the State of Oklahoma and
8 the role of the Federal Government in such history,
9 it is appropriate and proper for the museum referred
10 to in paragraph (1) to be located in the State of
11 Oklahoma.

12 (b) GRANT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to
14 award financial equaling not more than \$33,000,000
15 and technical assistance to the Authority to be used
16 for the development and construction of a Native
17 American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma
18 City, Oklahoma.

19 (2) AGREEMENT.—To be eligible to receive a
20 grant under paragraph (1), the appropriate official
21 of the Authority shall—

22 (A) enter into a grant agreement with the
23 Secretary which shall specify the duties of the
24 Authority under this section, including provi-
25 sions for continual maintenance of the Center

1 by the Authority without the use of Federal
2 funds; and

3 (B) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the
4 Secretary, that the Authority has raised, or has
5 commitments from private persons or State or
6 local government agencies for, an amount that
7 is equal to not less than 66 percent of the cost
8 to the Authority of the activities to be carried
9 out under the grant.

10 (3) LIMITATION.—The amount of any grant
11 awarded under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 33
12 percent of the cost of the activities to be funded
13 under the grant.

14 (4) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION.—When calculating
15 the cost share of the Authority under this Act, the
16 Secretary shall reduce such cost share obligation by
17 the fair market value of the approximately 300 acres
18 of land donated by Oklahoma City for the Center, if
19 such land is used for the Center.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

21 (1) AUTHORITY.—The term “Authority” means
22 the Native American Cultural and Educational Au-
23 thority of Oklahoma, and agency of the State of
24 Oklahoma.

1 (2) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the
2 Native American Cultural Center and Museum au-
3 thorized pursuant to this section.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to
8 grant assistance under subsection (b)(1), \$8,250,000 for
9 each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

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