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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MATHIAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 That this Act may be cited as the "National Capital
4 Boundary Stones Act".
5 Sec. 2. (a) Congress finds that because of the deterio-
6 rating condition and neglect of the forty original boundary
7 stones delimiting the ten-mile square first set aside by the
8 State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia as the
9 "seat of government of the United States", there is a need to
provide for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of such stones.

(b) The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) assign responsibility for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of the boundary stones;

(2) assure perpetuity of these important historic boundary stones for future generations of Americans to view and enjoy;

(3) provide an adequate mechanism for ensuring that the boundary stones are protected and maintained; and

(4) to make available to the public, information, data, and items involving or pertaining to the history of the original survey of the Nation's Capital, including the surveyors, and the instruments and techniques used in connection therewith.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall have the responsibility for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of the boundary stones referred to in section 2 of this Act.

(b) Within the twelve-month period following the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the National Park Service shall prepare and submit to the Secretary for his approval a program for preserving, protecting, and maintaining such boundary stones. Such program shall include—
(1) a location and condition survey of each corner stone and boundary stone, conducted in consultation with the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution, which shall be referenced to the appropriate State plane grid coordinate system with appropriate ties to property lines and which shall provide for the results to be shown on plats of survey in such form as may be suitable for recording purposes;

(2) with respect to each boundary stone located at each of the four cardinal points of the compass at the corners of the ten-mile square delineating the original site of the Nation's Capital a plan for preserving, protecting, and maintaining such cornerstones;

(3) with respect to each of the other boundary stones, a plan to preserve, protect, and maintain each such boundary stone;

(4) a relocation, replacement, and marker plan for those boundary stones which have been moved or which are missing or which cannot be placed in their original location;

(5) alternative plans for the long-term care, protection, and maintenance of the boundary stones which may include agreements among private individuals, the Federal Government, local governments of areas within the State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Vir-
Virginia within which such boundary stones are located, and the governments of the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia;

(6) a schedule and financial plan for providing such preservation, protection, and maintenance of such boundary stones; and

(7) in coordination with the Smithsonian Institution, a plan setting forth a display on the history of the survey of the District of Columbia conducted during the years 1791 and 1792, the original surveyors, the instruments and techniques used by such surveyors in conducting the survey of the District of Columbia, and surveying methods and techniques currently in use.

(c) Within the twenty-four-month period following the date of the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the program pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall, in consultation with the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution, implement such program and provide for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of such boundary stones.

SEC. 4. In carrying out the program approved pursuant to section 3 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire, by donation, purchase with appropriated
or donated funds, exchange, or condemnation, such lands and
interests therein (including easements), together with im-
provements thereon, as may be necessary to carry out such
program.

SEC. 5. Whoever willfully damages or removes any
boundary stone referred to in this Act shall be fined not more
than $500, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

SEC. 6. There are authorized to be appropriated such
sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
Act.