

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the National Statuary Hall;
3 providing for replacement of the statue of General
4 Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall of
5 the United States Capitol; providing for selection of
6 a prominent Florida citizen to be commemorated in the
7 National Statuary Hall; providing for selection of a
8 sculptor to design the statue; providing for the
9 gathering of necessary funds to carry out replacement
10 of the statue; providing for submission of the state's
11 request to the United States Joint Committee on the
12 Library of Congress for approval to replace the
13 statue; providing an effective date.

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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2131, each state is
16 permitted to provide and furnish to the United States Capitol
17 two statues, in marble or bronze, of deceased persons who have
18 been prominent citizens of the state for placement in the
19 National Statuary Hall, and

20 WHEREAS, currently, Florida has two statues, of Dr. John
21 Gorrie and of General Edmund Kirby Smith, in the National
22 Statuary Hall, and

23 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request
24 that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the
25 replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in

26 the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, NOW,
 27 THEREFORE,

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 29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 31 Section 1. (1) At its first annual meeting following the
 32 effective date of this act, the ad hoc committee of the Great
 33 Floridians Program within the Division of Historical Resources
 34 of the Department of State, as established under s.
 35 267.0731(1)(b), Florida Statutes, shall select, according to
 36 guidelines prescribed by the division, a prominent Florida
 37 citizen to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall of the
 38 United States Capitol.

39 (2) At its first meeting following the effective date of
 40 this act, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, as
 41 established under s. 265.285, Florida Statutes, shall select,
 42 according to guidelines prescribed by the Department of State, a
 43 sculptor to design a statue of the prominent Florida citizen
 44 selected pursuant to subsection (1) for replacement of the
 45 statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary
 46 Hall and shall gather necessary funds to carry out the
 47 replacement of the statue.

48 (3) In accordance with 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, upon the
 49 selection of a prominent Florida citizen under subsection (1)
 50 and a sculptor under subsection (2), the Legislature shall
 51 request by memorial that the United States Joint Committee on

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52 | the Library of Congress approve the request to replace the
53 | statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith and that the Architect of
54 | the Capitol carry out the request. Upon adoption of the memorial
55 | by the Legislature and approval of the request in writing by the
56 | Governor, the memorial shall be submitted to the United States
57 | Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

58 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.