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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
5 Collection at the United States Capitol; providing for
6 selection of a prominent Florida citizen to be
7 commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection;
8 providing for selection of a sculptor to design the
9 statue; providing for the gathering of necessary funds
10 to carry out replacement of the statue; providing for
11 submission of the state's request to the United States
12 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for
13 approval to replace the statue; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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

24 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request
25 that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the
26 replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in
27 the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States
28 Capitol, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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

49 (3) In accordance with 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, upon the selection
50 of a prominent Florida citizen under subsection (1) and a
51 sculptor under subsection (2), the Legislature shall request by
52 memorial that the United States Joint Committee on the Library
53 of Congress approve the request to replace the statue of General
54 Edmund Kirby Smith and that the Architect of the Capitol carry
55 out the request. Upon adoption of the memorial by the
56 Legislature and approval of the request in writing by the
57 Governor, the memorial shall be submitted to the United States
58 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

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