

AMENDMENTS TO LB807

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

4           (1) In 1864, the United States Congress established the National  
5 Statuary Hall Collection in the Old Hall of the House of Representatives  
6 in the United States Capitol and authorized each state to contribute to  
7 the hall collection two statues that represent important historical  
8 figures of each state;

9           (2) Nebraska currently has on display in the National Statuary Hall  
10 Collection statues of William Jennings Bryan and Julius Sterling Morton  
11 given by the State of Nebraska in 1937;

12           (3) In 2000, the United States Congress enacted legislation  
13 authorizing states to request that the Joint Committee on the Library of  
14 Congress approve the replacement of statues the state had provided for  
15 display in the hall collection;

16           (4)(a) Willa Cather is a significant historical and literary figure  
17 from Red Cloud, Nebraska;

18           (b) Willa Cather immortalized Nebraska in such works as My Antonia  
19 and Oh Pioneers!;

20           (c) Willa Cather won the 1923 Pulitzer Prize for her novel One of  
21 Ours; and

22           (d) Willa Cather is worthy of recognition in the National Statuary  
23 Hall; and

24           (5)(a) Ponca Chief Standing Bear is a significant historical and  
25 civil rights figure from Nebraska's Niobrara River Valley region;

26           (b) Chief Standing Bear's epic return to his Nebraska homeland to  
27 bury his son culminated in the historic court case, United States ex rel.  
28 Crook v. Standing Bear, which took place in Omaha, Nebraska, in May 1879;

29           (c) The court case set the historic precedent that Chief Standing  
30 Bear, as a Native American individual, was found to be a person under the

1 law; and

2 (d) Chief Standing Bear is worthy of recognition in the National  
3 Statuary Hall.

4 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall submit to the United States  
5 Architect of the Capitol for his or her review for completeness a written  
6 request to approve the replacement of the statue of Julius Sterling  
7 Morton currently on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection in  
8 the United States Capitol with a statue of Willa Cather. The written  
9 request shall request authorization to provide a new statue, a  
10 description of the location in Nebraska where the replaced statue will be  
11 displayed after it is transferred, and a copy of the Nebraska statute  
12 authorizing such replacement. After such review, it is the intent of the  
13 Legislature that the architect forward the request to the Joint Committee  
14 on the Library of Congress for its approval or denial. If the request is  
15 approved by the committee, the architect and the Willa Cather National  
16 Statuary Hall Selection Committee created pursuant to section 3 of this  
17 act, acting on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall enter into an  
18 agreement as provided in 2 U.S.C. 2132(b).

19 Sec. 3. (1) The Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection  
20 Committee is created. The committee shall consist of members of the  
21 Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission created pursuant to section 72-724.

22 (2) Upon approval by the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress  
23 and pursuant to the agreement described in section 2 of this act, the  
24 Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee shall:

25 (a) Select a sculptor to create a statue of Willa Cather to be  
26 placed in the National Statuary Hall and review and approve the plans for  
27 the statue; and

28 (b) Identify a method to obtain necessary funding to pay for all of  
29 the following. All funds shall be privately donated and separately  
30 managed. No state funds shall be expended for such purposes:

31 (i) The sculptor for designing and carving or casting the statue;

- 1       (ii) The design and fabrication of the pedestal;
- 2       (iii) The transportation of the statue and pedestal to the United
- 3 States Capitol;
- 4       (iv) The removal and transportation of the replaced statue;
- 5       (v) The temporary placement of the new statue in the Rotunda of the
- 6 United States Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;
- 7       (vi) The unveiling ceremony; and
- 8       (vii) Any other expenses that the committee determines are necessary
- 9 to incur.

10       (3) The committee has the authority to receive and disburse gifts.

11       Sec. 4. The Secretary of State shall submit to the United States

12 Architect of the Capitol for his or her review for completeness a written

13 request to approve the replacement of the statue of William Jennings

14 Bryan currently on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection in

15 the United States Capitol with a statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear. The

16 written request shall request authorization to provide a new statue, a

17 description of the location in Nebraska where the replaced statue will be

18 displayed after it is transferred, and a copy of the Nebraska statute

19 authorizing such replacement. After such review, it is the intent of the

20 Legislature that the architect forward the request to the Joint Committee

21 on the Library of Congress for its approval or denial. If the request is

22 approved by the committee, the architect and the Chief Standing Bear

23 National Statuary Hall Selection Committee created pursuant to section 5

24 of this act, acting on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall enter into

25 an agreement as provided in 2 U.S.C. 2132(b).

26       Sec. 5. (1) The Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection

27 Committee is created. The committee shall consist of (a) a representative

28 of the Commission on Indian Affairs, selected by the chairperson of the

29 commission, (b) a member of the State-Tribal Relations Committee of the

30 Legislature, selected by the chairperson of the committee, (c) the

31 chairperson of the Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development or its

1 successor, and the Historic Preservation Planner of the City of Lincoln.

2 (2) Upon approval by the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress  
3 and pursuant to the agreement described in section 4 of this act, the  
4 Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee shall:

5 (a) Select a sculptor to create a statue of Chief Standing Bear to  
6 be placed in the National Statuary Hall and review and approve the plans  
7 for the statue; and

8 (b) Identify a method to obtain necessary funding to pay for all of  
9 the following. All funds shall be privately donated and separately  
10 managed. No state funds shall be expended for such purposes:

11 (i) The sculptor for designing and carving or casting the statue;

12 (ii) The design and fabrication of the pedestal;

13 (iii) The transportation of the statue and pedestal to the United  
14 States Capitol;

15 (iv) The removal and transportation of the replaced statue;

16 (v) The temporary placement of the new statue in the Rotunda of the  
17 United States Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;

18 (vi) The unveiling ceremony; and

19 (vii) Any other expenses that the committee determines are necessary  
20 to incur.

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