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1ST SESSION

S. 1256

To authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2025

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fire Island AIDS Me-
5 morial Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of the Act are—

8 (1) to honor and remember the many residents
9 of Fire Island Pines and Cherry Grove, New York,
10 who suffered and died from the AIDS epidemic; and

1 (2) to educate future generations about the
2 AIDS epidemic and the impact of the AIDS epi-
3 demic on the Fire Island communities in the State
4 of New York.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
8 means the Pines Foundation, a tax-exempt organiza-
9 tion affiliated with the Fire Island Pines Property
10 Owners’ Association.

11 (2) MEMORIAL.—The term “Memorial” means
12 the Fire Island AIDS Memorial authorized to be es-
13 tablished under section 4(a).

14 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 4. FIRE ISLAND AIDS MEMORIAL.**

17 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.—
18 Subject to subsection (c) and any terms and conditions
19 the Secretary considers appropriate, the Foundation may
20 establish and maintain a memorial within the boundaries
21 of Fire Island National Seashore to honor the residents
22 of Fire Island who died of AIDS, to be known as the “Fire
23 Island AIDS Memorial”.

1 (b) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.—Fed-
2 eral funds may not be used to design, procure, prepare,
3 install, or maintain the Memorial.

4 (c) DESIGN AND LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—The de-
5 sign and location of the Memorial shall be subject to the
6 approval of the Secretary.

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