



THE WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEAU REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE

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Congress passes Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail Legislation. Bill Advances to President Obama's Desk

WASHINGTON—On Wednesday, March 25th, the United States House of Representatives passed HR 146, the Omnibus Public Lands bill, which includes designation of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail. The W3R trail extends 685 miles from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA, including the historic trail starting Rhode Island Avenue, NE through Georgetown in Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty signed a Resolution in celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Washington-Rochambeau celebrations in Washington, D.C. In DC, the W3R bill and the renaming the "P" Street, NW, Bridge to Luzon's Legion's Bridge supporters also include: Acquanetta Anderson, Chairman, W3R-DC and the Washington, D.C. War of 1814 Bicentennial Commission and Betty J. Gerber, W3R-DC Chair, Jean-David Levitte, former Ambassador of France to the United States, Virginia E. Hayes Williams, W3R-DC Member, and Council Chairman Vincent Gray, Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jack Evans, Jim Graham, David A. Catania, Marion Barry, Kwame R. Brown, Tommy Wells, Yvette Alexander Muriel Bowser, Phil Mendelson, Mary Cheh, and former Councilmembers Kathy Patterson and Carol Schwartz, Howard University, Southeastern University, Daughters of the American Revolution, D.C. Children of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Ward 2 and 3 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners – the entire Washington, DC W3R-DC delegation - all of whom praised Congressional approval of the Omnibus Public Lands bills S 22 and HR 146, which passed by a vote of 285 -140. Congressman Murphy said, "This is an historic day for heritage tourism in PA with the designation of the W3R National Historic Trail and rededication of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Area." The bill is expected to be signed by President Obama in the coming week.

A resolution officially naming the Washington, D.C War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is expected to be passed by the D.C. City Council in the coming weeks to officially designate the Washington, D.C. War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to plan, coordinate and facilitate the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812 and the burning of Washington by the British Army.

The W3R legislation, which was initiated in the House by Congressman Maurice Hinchey of New York State, and in the Senate by Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, honors the American and French Alliance in our War for Independence that ended at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.

"The W3R is a wonderful cooperative effort between every day citizens and government agencies on every level. By pulling together as a team, seemingly unrelated sites and historic repositories have heightened the appreciation of 18th century America throughout the original thirteen colonies. The Washington-Rochambeau and history of the route and preserving the story of our colonial past is a wonderful gift from present to future generations Washington, D.C. The passage of this historical legislation preserves the story of our colonial past and---our founding fathers for future generations in Washington, D.C.—we look forward to working with our elected officials, government agencies, libraries, museums, historians, parents and students to plan for the 2014 Bicentennial celebrations to commemorate the War of 1812 the Burning of Washington over the coming weeks and months said "Acquanetta Anderson, Chairman of the Washington, D.C. War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission and of the Washington-Rochambeau Assoc. Committee-DC."