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To establish the Saltville Heritage Area in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Mr. BOUCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 “Saltville Heritage Area
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that Saltville and its environs
8 possess—

9 (1) a remarkably rich natural and cultural her-
10 itage, including superlative examples of several

1 themes of great interest to the general public and of
2 marked historical and scientific significance;

3 (2) waterways among the headwaters of the
4 Cumberlandian Zoogeographic Province, which con-
5 tains one of the oldest and most diverse freshwater
6 aquatic faunas in North America;

7 (3) stream and lacustrine sediments in Saltville
8 Valley spanning at least the past 25,000 years and
9 containing the most lengthy and best resolved known
10 continuous record of biotic, hydrologic, and climatic
11 change located in an open-air site in the middle
12 Appalachians;

13 (4) an archaeological record that spans at least
14 the past 11,000 years, and probably 13,000–14,000
15 years, making this potentially one of the best re-
16 solved and oldest early man sites in North America;

17 (5) a lengthy record of colonization and occupa-
18 tion by Euro-Americans moving south through the
19 Valley of Virginia and into choice areas of the Valley
20 and Ridge, so that the area contains a record of
21 early settlement and land use in the area and of the
22 transfer of cultural elements into the newly occupied
23 region, and provides insight into the perceptions of
24 these Euro-Americans regarding land and resources;

1 (6) a 200-year industrial history that includes
2 the development of a significant part of the tech-
3 nology of inland salt manufacture in North America,
4 beginning with crude pioneering efforts in the latter
5 half of the 18th century and continuing into the
6 1970's;

7 (7) an industrial history that is intimately asso-
8 ciated with the development of a rich and varied
9 array of water- and land-based transportation sys-
10 tems;

11 (8) a rare example of a relatively well-preserved
12 fortified industrial center of the Civil War period,
13 containing significant whole or partial examples of
14 the industrial and defensive works;

15 (9) well-preserved remnants of a company-man-
16 aged industrial complex and town that developed
17 from the late 19th through middle 20th centuries
18 and that is representative of the American industrial
19 age as expressed in rural America and the company
20 town;

21 (10) a legacy of environmental traumas that
22 emanated from the industrial age, including exces-
23 sively polluted waters and attendant depauperization
24 of the aquatic biota, and expedient but devastating

1 disposition of toxic wastes that led to the creation of
2 an Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site;

3 (11) sites affected by regulated land use
4 changes that have produced some of the most note-
5 worthy recent water quality improvements in Vir-
6 ginia; and

7 (12) a beautiful setting incorporating
8 landforms, waters, and biota that blend with, and in
9 cases overwhelm, the cultural imprint on and near
10 this tiny valley.

11 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

12 It is the purpose of this Act to provide a management
13 framework to assist the Commonwealth of Virginia, its
14 units of local and regional government, and its citizens
15 in the development and implementation of integrated cul-
16 tural, historical, and recreational land resource manage-
17 ment programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret
18 the significant features of the lands, water, and structures
19 of the Saltville region in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

20 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SALTVILLE HERITAGE AREA.**

21 There is hereby established in the Commonwealth of
22 Virginia the Saltville Heritage Area (hereinafter in this
23 Act referred to as the "Area"). The Area shall consist of
24 the area generally depicted on the map entitled "The
25 Saltville Area Master Plan", numbered _____,

1 and dated _____, which shall be on file and avail-
2 able for public inspection in the Office of the Director of
3 the National Park Service.

4 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

5 (a) PREPARATION OF PLAN.—The Saltville Founda-
6 tion may submit a management plan (hereinafter in this
7 Act referred to as the “Plan”) to the Secretary of the Inte-
8 rior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
9 retary”) for the review and concurrence of the Secretary.
10 The Plan shall be based on existing Federal, State, and
11 local plans, and shall coordinate such plans and present
12 an integrated plan for the protection, enhancement, and
13 interpretation of the cultural, natural, scenic, and rec-
14 reational resources of the Area. The Plan shall specify a
15 management entity with respect to the Saltville Heritage
16 Area. The Secretary is authorized to provide technical as-
17 sistance in the preparation of the Plan.

18 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—If a Plan referred to in sub-
19 section (a) is submitted to the Secretary within 1 year
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, upon concur-
21 rence with the Plan, the Secretary is authorized to enter
22 into cooperative agreements with the management entity
23 specified in the Plan for the protection, enhancement, and
24 interpretation of the resources identified in the Plan.

1 **SEC. 6. CONTINGENCY IF HERITAGE COMPACT NOT SUB-**
2 **MITTED.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The establishment of the Area
4 under section 4 and the authorization of the Secretary
5 under section 5(b) shall cease to be effective if, within 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a Herit-
7 age Compact for the Area is not—

8 (1) submitted to the Secretary;

9 (2) approved by the Secretary, after consulta-
10 tion with the Advisory Council on Historic Preserva-
11 tion in accordance with section 106 of the National
12 Historic Preservation Act; and

13 (3) submitted to the Congress, together with
14 any comments that the Secretary deems appropriate.

15 (b) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary may
16 provide technical assistance to a unit of government or pri-
17 vate nonprofit organization in the preparation of a Herit-
18 age Compact.

19 (c) **DEFINITION OF HERITAGE COMPACT.**—For pur-
20 poses of this section, the term “Heritage Compact” means
21 a compact that—

22 (1) is prepared with public participation;

23 (2) contains information relating to the objec-
24 tives and management of the Area, including—

25 (A) a delineation of the boundaries of the
26 Area;

1 (B) a discussion of the goals and objectives
2 of the Area, including an explanation of the
3 proposed approach to conservation and inter-
4 pretation and a general outline of the protection
5 measures committed to by the partners;

6 (C) an identification and description of the
7 management entity that will administer the
8 Area;

9 (D) a list of the initial partners to be in-
10 volved in developing and implementing the man-
11 agement plan for the Area, as well as a state-
12 ment of the financial commitment of such part-
13 ners; and

14 (E) a description of the role of the Com-
15 monwealth of Virginia regarding the Area;

16 (3) outlines an implementation program that is
17 be likely to be initiated within a reasonable time
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act and that
19 ensures effective implementation of the State and
20 local aspects of the Plan; and

21 (4) is accompanied by the comments of the
22 Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

23 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

24 Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activi-
25 ties directly affecting the Area shall—

1 (1) consult with the Secretary and the Saltville
2 Foundation with respect to the activities;

3 (2) cooperate with the Secretary and the
4 Saltville Foundation with respect to the activities
5 and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate
6 the activities with the Secretary and the Saltville
7 Foundation; and

8 (3) to the maximum extent practicable, conduct
9 or support the activities in a manner that will not
10 have an adverse effect on the Area, as determined
11 by the Secretary and the Saltville Foundation.

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