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H. R. 1548

To provide for an interpretive center at the Civil War Battlefield of Corinth, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 1995

Mr. WICKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Corinth, Mississippi,
5 Battlefield Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the sites located in the vicinity of Corinth,
9 Mississippi, that were designated as a National His-
10 toric Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in

1 1991 represent nationally significant events in the
2 Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;
3 and

4 (2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and
5 interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and edu-
6 cation of the people of the United States.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide
8 for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and Battle
9 of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region and
10 to enhance public understanding of the significance of the
11 Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the Western
12 theater of operations, in cooperation with State or local
13 governmental entities and private organizations and indi-
14 viduals.

15 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT CORINTH, MIS-**
16 **SISSIPPI.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
18 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall acquire by
19 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
20 or exchange, such land and interests in land in the vicinity
21 of the Corinth Battlefield, in the State of Mississippi, as
22 the Secretary determines to be necessary for the construc-
23 tion of an interpretive center to commemorate and inter-
24 pret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth.

1 (b) PUBLICLY OWNED LAND.—Land and interests in
2 land owned by the State of Mississippi or a political sub-
3 division of the State of Mississippi may be acquired only
4 by donation.

5 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MARKING.**

6 (a) INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—

7 (1) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Sec-
8 retary shall construct, operate, and maintain on the
9 property acquired under section 3 a center for the
10 interpretation of the Siege and Battle of Corinth
11 and associated historical events for the benefit of the
12 public.

13 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The center shall contain
14 approximately 5,300 square feet, and include inter-
15 preitive exhibits, an auditorium, a parking area, and
16 other features appropriate to public appreciation and
17 understanding of the site.

18 (b) MARKING.—The Secretary may mark sites associ-
19 ated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth National His-
20 toric Landmark, as designated on May 6, 1991, if the sites
21 are determined by the Secretary to be protected by State
22 or local governmental agencies.

23 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The land and interests in
24 land acquired, and the facilities constructed and main-
25 tained pursuant to this Act, shall be administered by the

1 Secretary as a part of Shiloh National Military Park, sub-
2 ject to the appropriate laws (including regulations) appli-
3 cable to the park, the Act entitled “An Act to establish
4 a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
5 proved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the
6 Act entitled “An Act to provide for the preservation of
7 historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities
8 of national significance, and for other purposes”, approved
9 August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there
12 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
13 essary to carry out this Act.

14 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Of the amounts made available
15 to carry out this Act, not more than \$6,000,000 may be
16 used to carry out section 4(a).

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