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To authorize the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the real property comprising Coast Guard Light Station Two Harbors, located in Lake County, Minnesota, to the Lake County Historical Society.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. CONVEYANCE OF TWO HARBORS LIGHTHOUSE,**

4 **MINNESOTA.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (b),
7 the Commandant of the Coast Guard may convey,
8 by an appropriate means of conveyance, all right,

1 title, and interest of the United States in and to the
2 real property comprising the Coast Guard Light Sta-
3 tion Two Harbors, located in Lake County, Min-
4 nesota, to the Lake County Historical Society.

5 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY.—The Com-
6 mandant may identify, define, describe, and deter-
7 mine the real property to be conveyed under this
8 section.

9 (3) HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS.—Any historical ar-
10 tifact, including any lens or lantern, located on or
11 associated with the real property conveyed at or be-
12 fore the time of the conveyance, shall remain the
13 personal property of the United States.

14 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any conveyance of real prop-
16 erty under this section shall be made—

17 (A) without payment of consideration; and

18 (B) subject to the terms and conditions the
19 Commandant considers appropriate to protect
20 the interests of the United States, including the
21 reservation of easements or other rights on be-
22 half of the United States.

23 (2) MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION FUNC-
24 TIONS.—Any conveyance of real property under this
25 section shall be made subject to the terms and con-

1 ditions that the Commandant considers necessary to
2 assure that—

3 (A) any active aid to navigation located on
4 the real property conveyed shall remain the per-
5 sonal property of the United States, and shall
6 continue to be operated and maintained by the
7 United States for as long as it is needed for
8 this purpose;

9 (B) the Lake County Historical Society
10 shall not in any manner interfere with, or allow
11 interference with, any aid to navigation without
12 express written permission from the Com-
13 mandant; and

14 (C) there is reserved to the United States
15 the right to—

16 (i) operate, maintain, install, improve,
17 relocate, replace, or remove any aid to
18 navigation located on the real property
19 conveyed;

20 (ii) make any changes to the real
21 property conveyed as may be necessary for
22 navigational purposes; and

23 (iii) enter the real property conveyed
24 at any time, without notice, for the pur-

1 pose of exercising any of the rights re-
2 served under this subparagraph.

3 (3) OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The Lake Coun-
4 ty Historical Society is not required by this section
5 to maintain any active aid to navigation.

6 (4) HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—The Lake
7 County Historical Society shall maintain the real
8 property conveyed under this section in accordance
9 with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
10 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) and the regulations promul-
11 gated under that Act.

12 (5) MAINTENANCE STANDARD.—The Lake
13 County Historical Society shall maintain the real
14 property conveyed under this section, including any
15 improvements, at its own cost and expense, in a
16 proper, substantial, and workmanlike manner.

17 (6) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—In addition to
18 any term or condition established under this section,
19 the conveyance of real property under this sub-
20 section shall be subject to the condition that all
21 right, title, and interest in the real property con-
22 veyed under this section shall immediately revert to
23 the United States, and be placed under the adminis-
24 trative control of the Administrator of General Serv-
25 ices, if—

1 (A) the real property conveyed, or any part
2 thereof—

3 (i) ceases to be used as a nonprofit
4 center for the interpretation and preserva-
5 tion of maritime history;

6 (ii) ceases to be maintained in a man-
7 ner that ensures its present or future use
8 as a site for aids to navigation; or

9 (iii) ceases to be maintained in a man-
10 ner consistent with the provisions of the
11 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
12 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), or the regulations
13 promulgated under that Act; or

14 (B) at least 30 days before that reversion
15 the Commandant provides written notice to
16 Lake County Historical Society that the real
17 property conveyed is needed for national secu-
18 rity purposes.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

20 (1) the term “aid to navigation” means equip-
21 ment used for navigation purposes, including any
22 light, antenna, sound signal, or other associated
23 lighthouse equipment; and

24 (2) the term “Lake County Historical Society”
25 means the Lake County Historical Society (a non-

1 profit corporation established under the laws of the
2 State of Minnesota), its parent organization or sub-
3 sidiary, if any, and its successors and assigns.

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