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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE TO CHATHAM COUNTY,**  
2 **GEORGIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall  
4 convey, by quitclaim deed and without consideration, to  
5 the Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia, all right,  
6 title, and interest of the United States in and to the ap-  
7 proximately 12-acre parcel of land located on Hutchinson  
8 Island, Georgia, adjacent to the Savannah Harbor Tide  
9 Gate structure.

10 (b) SURVEY TO OBTAIN LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The  
11 exact acreage and the legal description of the parcel to  
12 be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by  
13 a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary.

14 (c) USE OF LAND.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The parcel conveyed under  
16 this section shall remain in public ownership and  
17 shall be managed in perpetuity for public rec-  
18 reational purposes or, in the alternative, the parcel  
19 may be exchanged for another parcel of equal ap-  
20 praised value that shall remain in public ownership  
21 and shall be managed in perpetuity for public rec-  
22 reational purposes.

23 (2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary determines  
24 that the parcel conveyed under this section is being  
25 used for purposes other than public recreational pur-  
26 poses, title to the parcel shall revert to the United

1 States or, in the case of an exchange of parcels  
2 under paragraph (1), if the Secretary determines  
3 that the parcel received in the exchange is being  
4 used for purposes other than public recreational pur-  
5 poses title to that parcel shall revert to the United  
6 States.

7 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF PROPERTY SCREENING PRO-**  
9 **VISIONS.**—Section 2696 of title 10, United States Code,  
10 shall not apply to the conveyance under this section.

11 (b) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The  
12 Secretary may require that the conveyance under this sec-  
13 tion be subject to such additional terms and conditions  
14 as the Secretary considers appropriate and necessary to  
15 protect the interests of the United States.

16 (c) **COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—The County shall be  
17 responsible for all reasonable and necessary costs, includ-  
18 ing real estate transaction and environmental compliance  
19 costs, associated with the conveyance.

20 (d) **LIABILITY.**—The County shall hold the United  
21 States harmless from any liability with respect to activities  
22 carried out, on or after the date of the conveyance, on  
23 the real property conveyed. The United States shall re-  
24 main responsible for any liability with respect to activities

1 carried out, before such date, on the real property con-  
2 veyed.

3 (e) EASEMENTS.—The County shall provide to the  
4 Secretary all required rights of entry or easements nec-  
5 essary for utilities and for access to the Savannah Harbor  
6 Tide Gate structure and the dock located adjacent to the  
7 structure.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,  
2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*