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# H. R. 831

To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the  
Bay Mills Indian Community.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions  
5 apply:

6 (1) ALTERNATIVE LANDS.—The term “alter-  
7 native lands” means those lands identified as alter-  
8 native lands in the Settlement of Land Claim.

9 (2) CHARLOTTE BEACH LANDS.—The term  
10 “Charlotte Beach lands” means those lands in the

1 Charlotte Beach area of Michigan and described as  
2 follows: Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Section  
3 7, T45N, R2E, and Lot 1 of Section 18, T45N,  
4 R2E, Chippewa County, State of Michigan.

5 (3) COMMUNITY.—The term “Community”  
6 means the Bay Mills Indian Community, a federally  
7 recognized Indian tribe.

8 (4) SETTLEMENT OF LAND CLAIM.—The term  
9 “Settlement of Land Claim” means the agreement  
10 between the Community and the Governor of the  
11 State of Michigan executed on August 23, 2002, and  
12 filed with the Office of Secretary of State of the  
13 State of Michigan.

14 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE LANDS AND EXTIN-**  
17 **GUISHMENT OF CLAIMS.**

18 (a) LAND INTO TRUST; PART OF RESERVATION.—  
19 Upon the date of enactment of this Act—

20 (1) the Secretary shall take the alternative  
21 lands into trust for the benefit of the Community  
22 within 30 days of receiving a title insurance policy  
23 for the alternative lands which shows that the alter-  
24 native lands are not subject to mortgages, liens,

1 deeds of trust, options to purchase, or other security  
2 interests; and

3 (2) the alternative lands shall become part of  
4 the Community's reservation immediately upon at-  
5 taining trust status.

6 (b) GAMING.—The alternative lands shall be taken  
7 into trust as provided in this section as part of the settle-  
8 ment and extinguishment of the Community's Charlotte  
9 Beach land claims, and so shall be deemed lands obtained  
10 in settlement of a land claim within the meaning of section  
11 20(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25  
12 U.S.C. 2719; Public Law 100–497).

13 (c) EXTINGUISHMENT OF CLAIMS.—Upon the date of  
14 enactment of this Act, any and all claims by the Commu-  
15 nity to the Charlotte Beach lands or against the United  
16 States, the State of Michigan or any subdivision thereof,  
17 the Governor of the State of Michigan, or any other person  
18 or entity by the Community based on or relating to claims  
19 to the Charlotte Beach lands (including without limitation,  
20 claims for trespass damages, use, or occupancy), whether  
21 based on aboriginal or recognized title, are hereby extin-  
22 guished. The extinguishment of these claims is in consid-  
23 eration for the benefits to the Community under this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTUATION AND RATIFICATION OF AGREE-**  
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) **RATIFICATION.**—The United States approves and  
4 ratifies the Settlement of Land Claim, except that the last  
5 sentence in section 10 of the Settlement of Land Claim  
6 is hereby deleted.

7 (b) **NOT PRECEDENT.**— The provisions contained in  
8 the Settlement of Land Claim are unique and shall not  
9 be considered precedent for any future agreement between  
10 any tribe and State.

11 (c) **ENFORCEMENT.**—The Settlement of Land Claim  
12 shall be enforceable by either the Community or the Gov-  
13 ernor according to its terms. Exclusive jurisdiction over  
14 any enforcement action is vested in the United States Dis-  
15 trict Court for the Western District of Michigan.

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