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H. R. 1287

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes.

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. DOROTHY BUELL MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
5 “Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Partnership
6 Act”.

7 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
8 retary of the Interior may enter into a memorandum of
9 understanding to establish a joint partnership with the
10 Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Com-
11 mission. The memorandum of understanding shall—

12 (1) identify the overall goals and purpose of the
13 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center;

14 (2) establish how management and operational
15 duties will be shared;

16 (3) determine how exhibits, signs, and other in-
17 formation are developed;

18 (4) indicate how various activities will be fund-
19 ed;

20 (5) identify who is responsible for providing site
21 amenities;

22 (6) establish procedures for changing or dis-
23 solving the joint partnership; and

1 (7) address any other issues deemed necessary
2 by the Secretary or the Porter County Convention,
3 Recreation and Visitor Commission.

4 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF EXHIBITS.—The Secretary
5 may plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in the
6 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center related to the use
7 and management of the resources at Indiana Dunes Na-
8 tional Lakeshore, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.

9 (d) NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENCE.—The Sec-
10 retary may use park staff from Indiana Dunes National
11 Lakeshore in the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center
12 to provide visitor information and education.

13 **SEC. 2. INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.**

14 Section 19 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for
15 the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lake-
16 shore, and for other purposes” (16 U.S.C. 460u–19) is
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “After notifying” and inserting
19 “(a) After notifying”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(b) CONTIGUOUS CLARIFIED.—For purposes of sub-
22 section (a), lands may be considered contiguous to other
23 lands if the lands touch the other lands, or are separated

1 from the other lands by only a public or private right-
2 of-way, such as a road, railroad, or utility corridor.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 8,
2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.