

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6380

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, to establish an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. ANNEX IN TINIAN.**

4       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
5       “American Memorial Park Annex in Tinian Act”.

6       (b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) In September 2001, the National Park  
2 Service, conducted a suitability and feasibility study  
3 on North Field, on the island of Tinian, Common-  
4 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

5           (2) The Department of Defense holds a 50-year  
6 lease over the study area, North Field Tinian.

7           (3) The National Park Service determined that  
8 the North Field Tinian was “one of the most signifi-  
9 cant World War II sites in the Pacific” because of  
10 its important singular events such as the strategic  
11 bombing of Japan and the use of the atomic bomb  
12 in war.

13           (4) North Field Tinian is listed on the National  
14 Register of Historic Places as an historic district  
15 and has been designated a national historic land-  
16 mark.

17           (5) The National Park Service also determined  
18 that the study area was not feasible to include North  
19 Field as a unit of the National Park Service system  
20 because of the “military’s future long term needs”.

21           (6) Visitors and residents will be given the op-  
22 portunity thereafter to visit North Field Tinian to  
23 complete an on- and off-site interpretation of the  
24 World War II events on Tinian.

1           (7) As an annex, the facility can serve as an ex-  
2           tension of the American Memorial Park located on  
3           the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the North-  
4           ern Mariana Islands.

5           (8) American Memorial Park is managed by the  
6           National Parks Service, as authorized under Public  
7           Law 94–241 and Public Law 95–348.

8           (9) American Memorial Park was established to  
9           honor the United States Forces that fought in the  
10          Battle of Saipan.

11          (10) North Field Tinian played a crucial role in  
12          shaping the outcome of World War II, since the  
13          dropping of the atomic bomb in combat over Hiro-  
14          shima.

15          (11) The 65th Anniversary of this event was in  
16          2010.

17          (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior,  
18          acting through the National Park Service, shall develop,  
19          maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Common-  
20          wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension  
21          of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, on an  
22          appropriate parcel of Tinian Public Land to be agreed  
23          upon by the National Park Service and the Governor of  
24          the Northern Mariana Islands in consultation with the  
25          Mayor of Tinian. The annex shall be used to—

1           (1) interpret the important aspects of North  
2           Field by highlighting the historic events related to  
3           the World War II Marianas Campaign; and

4           (2) serve as a curatorial storage of World War  
5           II artifacts.

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