

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

# H. R. 4575

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2014

Mr. COOK 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. VISITOR CENTER FOR JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL**  
4                               **PARK.**

5       The California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16  
6 U.S.C. 410aaa et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-  
7 tion 407 the following:

8       **“SEC. 408. VISITOR CENTER.**

9       “The Secretary is authorized to acquire not more  
10 than five acres of land and interests in land, and improve-

1 ments thereon, outside the boundaries of Joshua Tree Na-  
2 tional Park, in the unincorporated village of Joshua Tree,  
3 for the purpose of operating a visitor center. The Sec-  
4 retary shall modify the boundary of the park to include  
5 the land acquired under this section as a noncontiguous  
6 parcel. Lands and facilities acquired under this section—

7           “(1) may include the property currently owned  
8           by the Joshua Tree National Park Association and  
9           commonly referred to as the ‘Joshua Tree National  
10          Park Visitor Center’;

11           “(2) shall be administered by the Secretary as  
12          part of Joshua Tree National Park; and

13           “(3) may be acquired only with the consent of  
14          the owner, by donation, purchase with donated or  
15          appropriated funds, or exchange.”.

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