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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Gulf Islands National  
3 Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEA-**  
5 **SHORE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.**

6 (a) **LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary  
7 of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Na-  
8 tional Park Service (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
9 retary”) may convey to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post  
10 5699 (in this section referred to as the “Post”) all right,  
11 title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel  
12 of real property, consisting of approximately 1.542 acres  
13 and located within the Gulf Islands National Seashore in  
14 Jackson County, Mississippi, section 34, township 7 north,  
15 range 8 east.

16 (b) **LAND TO BE ACQUIRED.**—In exchange for the  
17 property described in subsection (a), the Post shall convey  
18 to the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the Post  
19 in and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approxi-  
20 mately 2.161 acres and located in Jackson County, Mis-  
21 sissippi, section 34, township 7 north, range 8 east.

22 (c) **EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.**—The values of the  
23 parcels of real property to be exchanged under this section  
24 are deemed to be equal.

25 (d) **PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—

1           (1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall  
2           require the Post to cover costs to be incurred by the  
3           Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such  
4           costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the  
5           land exchange under this section, including survey  
6           costs, costs related to environmental documentation,  
7           and any other administrative costs related to the  
8           land exchange. If amounts are collected from the  
9           Secretary in advance of the Secretary incurring the  
10          actual costs and the amount collected exceeds the  
11          costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out  
12          the land exchange, the Secretary shall refund the ex-  
13          cess amount to the Post.

14          (2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—  
15          Amounts received as reimbursement under para-  
16          graph (1) shall be credited to the fund or account  
17          that was used to cover those costs incurred by the  
18          Secretary in carrying out the land exchange.  
19          Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts  
20          in such fund or account and shall be available for  
21          the same purposes, and subject to the same condi-  
22          tions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or  
23          account.

24          (e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage  
25          and legal description of property to be exchanged under

1 this section shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to  
2 the Secretary and the Post.

3 (f) CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT.—The exchange of  
4 real property under this section shall be accomplished  
5 using a quit claim deed or other legal instrument and upon  
6 terms and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Sec-  
7 retary and the Post, including such additional terms and  
8 conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-  
9 tect the interests of the United States.

10 (g) TREATMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Land and in-  
11 terests in land acquired by the United States under sub-  
12 section (b) shall be administered by the Secretary as part  
13 of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

14 (h) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARY.—Upon comple-  
15 tion of the land exchange under this section, the Secretary  
16 shall modify the boundary of the Gulf Islands National  
17 Seashore to reflect such land exchange.

Passed the House of Representatives March 22,  
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*