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[Report No. 115–241]

To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2017

Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. HOYER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SABLAN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. ROSS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 24, 2017

Additional sponsor: Mr. McEACHIN

JULY 24, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 5, 2017]

A BILL

To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within
the National Park Service the African American Civil
Rights Network, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “African American Civil*
5 *Rights Network Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 *The purposes of this Act are—*

8 *(1) to recognize—*

9 *(A) the importance of the African American*
10 *civil rights movement; and*

11 *(B) the sacrifices made by the people who*
12 *fought against discrimination and segregation;*
13 *and*

14 *(2) to authorize the National Park Service to co-*
15 *ordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal ac-*
16 *tivities to commemorate, honor, and interpret—*

17 *(A) the history of the African American*
18 *civil rights movement;*

19 *(B) the significance of the civil rights move-*
20 *ment as a crucial element in the evolution of the*
21 *Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et*
22 *seq.); and*

23 *(C) the relevance of the African American*
24 *civil rights movement in fostering the spirit of*
25 *social justice and national reconciliation.*

1 **SEC. 3. U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS NETWORK PROGRAM.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subdivision 1 of Division B of sub-
3 title III of title 54, United States Code, is amended by in-
4 serting after chapter 3083 the following:

5 **“CHAPTER 3084—U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS**
6 **NETWORK**

“Sec.

“308401. *Definition of network.*

“308402. *U.S. Civil Rights Network.*

“308403. *Cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding.*

7 **“§ 308401. Definition of network**

8 *“In this chapter, the term ‘Network’ means the African*
9 *American Civil Rights Network established under section*
10 *308402(a).*

11 **“§ 308402. U.S. Civil Rights Network**

12 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,*
13 *within the Service, a program to be known as the ‘U.S.*
14 *Civil Rights Network’.*

15 *“(b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the*
16 *Network, the Secretary shall—*

17 *“(1) review studies and reports to complement*
18 *and not duplicate studies of the historical importance*
19 *of the African American civil rights movement that*
20 *may be underway or completed, such as the Civil*
21 *Rights Framework Study;*

22 *“(2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-*
23 *cational materials relating to the African American*

1 *civil rights movement, such as handbooks, maps, in-*
2 *terpretive guides, or electronic information;*

3 “(3) *enter into appropriate cooperative agree-*
4 *ments and memoranda of understanding to provide*
5 *technical assistance under subsection (c); and*

6 “(4)(A) *create and adopt an official, uniform*
7 *symbol or device for the Network; and*

8 “(B) *issue regulations for the use of the symbol*
9 *or device adopted under subparagraph (A).*

10 “(c) *ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the*
11 *following elements:*

12 “(1) *All units and programs of the Service that*
13 *are determined by the Secretary to relate to the Afri-*
14 *can American civil rights movement during the pe-*
15 *riod from 1939 through 1968.*

16 “(2) *With the consent of the property owner,*
17 *other Federal, State, local, and privately owned prop-*
18 *erties that—*

19 “(A) *relate to the African American civil*
20 *rights movement;*

21 “(B) *have a verifiable connection to the Af-*
22 *rican American civil rights movement; and*

23 “(C) *are included in, or determined by the*
24 *Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-*
25 *tional Register of Historic Places.*

1 “(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental
 2 facilities and programs of an educational, research, or
 3 interpretive nature that are directly related to the Af-
 4 rican American civil rights movement.

5 **“§ 308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda of**
 6 **understanding**

7 “To achieve the purposes of this chapter and to ensure
 8 effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal ele-
 9 ments of the Network described in section 308402(c) with
 10 System units and programs of the Service, the Secretary
 11 may enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of
 12 understanding with, and provide technical assistance to the
 13 heads of other Federal agencies, States, units of local gov-
 14 ernment, regional governmental bodies, and private enti-
 15 ties.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters for
 17 title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
 18 the item relating to chapter 3083 the following:

“3084 U.S. Civil Rights Network308401”.

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