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H. R. 2888

To establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ste. Genevieve Na-
5 tional Historical Park Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The term “Historic
9 District” means the Ste. Genevieve Historic District

1 National Historic Landmark, as generally depicted
2 on the Map.

3 (2) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “Historical
4 Park” means the Ste. Genevieve National Historical
5 Park established by section 3(a).

6 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
7 titled “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Pro-
8 posed Boundary”, numbered 571/132,626, and
9 dated May 2016.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (5) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—The term
13 “special resource study” means the study entitled
14 “Ste. Genevieve Final Special Resources Study and
15 Environmental Assessment, Missouri” and dated
16 May 2016.

17 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
18 of Missouri.

19 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STE. GENEVIEVE NA-**
20 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
23 there is established the Ste. Genevieve National His-
24 torical Park in the State as a unit of the National
25 Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for

1 the benefit of present and future generations the
2 themes of French settlement, vernacular architec-
3 ture, and community form and farming on the fron-
4 tier associated with Ste. Genevieve.

5 (2) CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The
6 Historical Park shall not be established until the
7 date on which the Secretary determines that—

8 (A) sufficient land has been acquired for
9 the Historical Park to constitute a manageable
10 unit; and

11 (B) the Secretary has entered into a writ-
12 ten agreement providing that land owned by the
13 State, the City of Ste. Genevieve, or other enti-
14 ty within the Historic District shall be managed
15 consistent with the purposes of this Act.

16 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Historical
17 Park shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the
18 Map.

19 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
20 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
21 fices of the National Park Service.

22 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
24 any land or interest in land located within the
25 boundary of the Historical Park or any nationally

1 significant property identified in the special resource
2 study within the Historic District by—

3 (A) donation;

4 (B) purchase with donated or appropriated
5 funds; or

6 (C) exchange.

7 (2) BOUNDARY REVISION.—On the acquisition
8 of any property within the Historic District under
9 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall revise the bound-
10 ary of the Historical Park to include the property.

11 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
13 ister the Historical Park in accordance with—

14 (A) this Act; and

15 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
16 of the National Park System, including—

17 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
18 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
19 and 102101 of title 54, United States
20 Code; and

21 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
22 States Code.

23 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
25 after the date on which funds are made avail-

1 able to prepare a general management plan for
2 the Historical Park, the Secretary shall prepare
3 the general management plan in accordance
4 with section 100502 of title 54, United States
5 Code.

6 (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
7 pletion of the general management plan under
8 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to
9 the Committee on Natural Resources of the
10 House of Representatives and the Committee
11 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
12 the general management plan.

13 (3) RELATED SITES.—The Secretary may pro-
14 vide interpretative tours and educational programs
15 at related historic and cultural sites within the His-
16 toric District associated with the purposes for which
17 the Historical Park is established.

18 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide
20 technical assistance and enter into cooperative
21 agreements with the owner of a nationally signifi-
22 cant property within the Historical Park or the His-
23 toric District, to identify, mark, interpret, improve,
24 and restore the property.

1 (2) RIGHT OF ACCESS.—A cooperative agree-
2 ment entered into under paragraph (1) shall provide
3 that the Secretary, acting through the Director of
4 the National Park Service, shall have the right of
5 access at all reasonable times to all public portions
6 of the property covered by the agreement for the
7 purposes of—

8 (A) conducting visitors through the prop-
9 erty; and

10 (B) interpreting the property for the pub-
11 lic.

12 (3) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

13 (A) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share
14 of the total cost of any activity carried out
15 under a cooperative agreement entered into
16 under this subsection shall be not more than 50
17 percent.

18 (B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The
19 non-Federal share of an activity carried out
20 under a cooperative agreement entered into
21 under this subsection may be in the form of do-
22 nated property, goods, or services fairly valued.

23 (4) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.—No changes
24 or alterations shall be made to any property or
25 project covered by a cooperative agreement entered

1 into under paragraph (1) unless the Secretary and
2 the other party to the agreement agree to the
3 changes or alterations.

4 (5) CONVERSION, USE, OR DISPOSAL.—Any
5 payment by the Secretary under this subsection shall
6 be subject to an agreement that the conversion, use,
7 or disposal of a property or project for purposes con-
8 trary to the purposes of this section, as determined
9 by the Secretary, shall entitle the United States to
10 reimbursement in any amount equal to the greater
11 of—

12 (A) the amounts made available to the
13 property or project by the United States; or

14 (B) the portion of the increased value of
15 the property or project attributable to the
16 amounts made available under this subsection,
17 as determined at the time of the conversion,
18 use, or disposal.

19 (g) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in
20 this Act authorizes the Secretary to assume overall finan-
21 cial responsibility for the operation, maintenance, or man-
22 agement of the Historic District.

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