

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6077

Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2018

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

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## A BILL

Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

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 “National Comedy Cen-  
5 ter Recognition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL COMEDY CENTER IN**  
7 **JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The National Comedy Center is the first  
10 nonprofit cultural institution and national-scale vis-  
11 itor experience dedicated to comedy. Featuring more

1 than 50 immersive exhibits, the Center celebrates  
2 comedy in all of its forms, educating and engendering  
3 in visitors an appreciation for the art form  
4 and its artists.

5 (2) The National Comedy Center is a nonprofit  
6 entity that plays host to the annual Lucille Ball  
7 Comedy Festival, attracting comedic acts nation-  
8 wide. Jamestown is the birthplace of internationally  
9 recognized comedienne Lucille Ball of “I Love  
10 Lucy” fame.

11 (3) The United States currently lacks a na-  
12 tional center dedicated to comedy and the role it  
13 plays in American culture.

14 (4) The Center celebrates comedy and seeks to  
15 inspire a new generation of cultural appreciation for  
16 the comedic arts.

17 (b) CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION.—Congress—

18 (1) recognizes that the National Comedy Cen-  
19 ter, located in Jamestown, New York, is the only  
20 museum of its kind that exists for the exclusive pur-  
21 pose of celebrating comedy in all its forms; and

22 (2) officially designates the National Comedy  
23 Center as the National Comedy Center.

24 (c) EFFECT OF RECOGNITION.—The National Com-  
25 edy Center recognized in this section is not a unit of the

1 National Park System, and the designation shall not be  
2 construed to require or permit Federal funds to be ex-  
3 pended for any purpose related to the center.

