

House Calendar No. 172

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6077

[Report No. 115–854]

Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2018

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

JULY 23, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. HIGGINS of New York and Mr. COLLINS of New York

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Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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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
12 than 50 immersive exhibits, the Center celebrates
13 comedy in all of its forms, educating and engen-
14 dering in visitors an appreciation for the art form
15 and its artists.

16 (2) The National Comedy Center is a nonprofit
17 entity that plays host to the annual Lucille Ball
18 Comedy Festival, attracting comedic acts nation-
19 wide. Jamestown is the birthplace of internationally
20 recognized comedienne Lucille Ball of “I Love
21 Lucy” fame.

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

1 (4) The Center celebrates comedy and seeks to
2 inspire a new generation of cultural appreciation for
3 the comedic arts.

4 (b) CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION.—Congress—

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

9 (2) officially designates the National Comedy
10 Center as the National Comedy Center.

11 (c) EFFECT OF RECOGNITION.—The National Com-
12 edy Center recognized in this section is not a unit of the
13 National Park System, and the designation shall not be
14 construed to require or permit Federal funds to be ex-
15 pended for any purpose related to the center.

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