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Mr. OBERNOLTE 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 “Japanese American
5 World War II History Network Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HISTORY NET-**
7 **WORK.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior
9 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall estab-

1 lish, within the National Park Service, a program to be
2 known as the “Japanese American World War II History
3 Network” (hereinafter referred to as the “Network”).

4 (b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
5 Network, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) review studies and reports to complement
7 and not duplicate studies of Japanese American
8 World War II history and Japanese American expe-
9 riences during World War II, including studies re-
10 lated to relocation centers and confinement sites,
11 that are underway or completed;

12 (2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
13 cational materials, such as handbooks, maps, inter-
14 pretive guides, or electronic information relating to
15 Japanese American World War II history and Japa-
16 nese American experiences during the war, including
17 relocation centers and confinement sites;

18 (3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
19 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
20 technical assistance under subsection (c); and

21 (4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
22 symbol or device for the Network; and

23 (B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
24 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
2 following elements:

3 (1) All units and programs of the National
4 Park Service that are determined by the Secretary
5 to relate to Japanese American World War II his-
6 tory and Japanese American experiences during the
7 war, including relocation centers and confinement
8 sites.

9 (2) With the consent of the property owner,
10 other Federal, State, local, Tribal, and privately
11 owned properties that—

12 (A) relate to Japanese American World
13 War II history and Japanese experiences during
14 the war, including relocation centers and con-
15 finement sites;

16 (B) have a verifiable connection to Japa-
17 nese American World War II history and Japa-
18 nese experiences during the war, including relo-
19 cation and confinement sites; and

20 (C) are included in, or determined by the
21 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-
22 tional Register of Historic Places.

23 (3) Other governmental and nongovernmental
24 facilities and programs of an educational, research,
25 or interpretive nature that are directly related to

1 Japanese American World War II history and the
2 experiences of Japanese Americans during the war,
3 including relocation centers and confinement sites.

4 **SEC. 3. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF**
5 **UNDERSTANDING.**

6 To achieve the purposes of this Act and to ensure
7 effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal ele-
8 ments of the Network described in section 2(c) with units
9 of the National Park System and programs of the Na-
10 tional Park Service, including the Japanese American
11 Confinement Sites Program, the Secretary may enter into
12 cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding
13 with, and provide technical assistance to the heads of
14 other Federal agencies, States, units of local government,
15 Tribes, regional governmental bodies, and private entities.

16 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

17 The authority of the Secretary under this Act shall
18 expire 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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