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H. R. 4607

To establish the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley and Roberts Temple National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) 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 “Emmett Till and
5 Mamie Till-Mobley and Roberts Temple National Historic
6 Site Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-
 2 tional Historic Site” means the Emmett Till and
 3 Mamie Till-Mobley and Roberts Temple National
 4 Historic Site established by section 3(a).

5 (2) ROBERTS TEMPLE.—The term “Roberts
 6 Temple” means the Roberts Temple Church of God
 7 in Christ, Chicago, Illinois.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 3. EMMETT TILL AND MAMIE TILL-MOBLEY AND RO-**
 11 **BERTS TEMPLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to subsection (b),
 13 there is established the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-
 14 Mobley and Roberts Temple National Historic Site in the
 15 State of Illinois as a unit of the National Park System.

16 (b) CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Historic Site
 18 shall not be established until the date on which the
 19 Secretary determines that an agreement entered into
 20 between the Secretary and the Roberts Temple pro-
 21 viding for public access to, and interpretation, oper-
 22 ation, and maintenance of, the National Historic
 23 Site that is sufficient to constitute a manageable
 24 park unit.

1 (2) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
2 date on which the Secretary makes a determination
3 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish in
4 the Federal Register notice of establishment of the
5 National Historic Site.

6 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic
7 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit
8 of present and future generations resources associated
9 with—

10 (1) the Great Migration;

11 (2) the memorial service and funeral of Emmett
12 Till;

13 (3) the story of the courage and activism of
14 Mamie Till-Mobley that was demonstrated as Mamie
15 Till-Mobley transformed the murder of her son into
16 a powerful symbol of racial injustice; and

17 (4) the civil rights movement.

18 (d) MAP; BOUNDARIES.—

19 (1) MAP.—As soon as practicable after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prepare
21 a map of the National Historic Site.

22 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map prepared
23 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available
24 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
25 National Park Service.

1 (3) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Na-
2 tional Historic Site shall be the boundaries generally
3 depicted on the map prepared under paragraph (1).

4 (e) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
5 acquire any land or interest in land located within the
6 boundary of the National Historic Site by—

7 (1) donation;

8 (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated
9 or appropriated funds; or

10 (3) exchange.

11 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
13 ister the National Historic Site in accordance with—

14 (A) this Act; and

15 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
16 of the National Park System.

17 (2) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may—

18 (A) enter into an agreement with the Rob-
19 erts Temple for the purpose of providing public
20 access to, and interpretation, operation, and
21 maintenance of, the National Historic Site; and

22 (B) enter into cooperative agreements,
23 leases, or other agreements, as appropriate,
24 with public and private entities to provide and
25 facilitate interpretive and educational services,

1 administrative support, and technical assistance
2 relating to the National Historic Site, within or
3 outside the boundaries of the National Historic
4 Site.

5 (3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

6 (A) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not
7 later than 3 years after the date on which funds
8 are first made available to the Secretary for the
9 preparation of a general management plan for
10 the National Historic Site, the Secretary shall
11 prepare a general management plan for the Na-
12 tional Historic Site in accordance with section
13 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

14 (B) INCLUSION.—The general manage-
15 ment plan prepared under subparagraph (A)
16 shall identify, as appropriate, the roles and re-
17 sponsibilities of the National Park Service and
18 any applicable management entity in admin-
19 istering and interpreting the National Historic
20 Site and areas affiliated with the National His-
21 toric Site in a manner that does not interfere
22 with existing operations and the continued use
23 of existing facilities at the National Historic
24 Site, unless agreed to by the Roberts Temple

1 and in accordance with the agreements de-
2 scribed in paragraph (2) and subsection (b).

3 (C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
4 pletion of the general management plan under
5 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to
6 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
7 sources of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
9 tives the general management plan prepared
10 under that subparagraph.

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