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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 “Protect America’s
5 Treasures of the Revolution for Independence for Our To-
6 morrow Act” or the “PATRIOT Act”.

7 **TITLE I—PAOLI AND**
8 **BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELDS**

9 **SEC. 101. PAOLI BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

10 (a) PAOLI BATTLEFIELD.—The Secretary of the In-
11 terior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is au-
12 thorized to provide funds to the borough of Malvern,
13 Pennsylvania, for the acquisition of the area known as the
14 “Paoli Battlefield”, located in the borough of Malvern,
15 Pennsylvania, as generally depicted on the map entitled
16 “Paoli Battlefield” numbered 80,000 and dated April
17 1999 (referred to in this title as the “Paoli Battlefield”).
18 The map shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the
19 National Park Service.

20 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND TECHNICAL AS-
21 SISTANCE.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative
22 agreement with the borough of Malvern, Pennsylvania, for
23 the management by the borough of the Paoli Battlefield.
24 The Secretary may provide technical assistance to the bor-

1 ough of Malvern to assure the preservation and interpreta-
2 tion of the battlefield's resources.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated \$1,250,000 to carry out
5 this section. Such funds shall be expended in the ratio of
6 \$1 of Federal funds for each dollar of funds contributed
7 by non-Federal sources. Any funds provided by the Sec-
8 retary shall be subject to an agreement that provides for
9 the protection of the land's resources.

10 **SEC. 102. BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

11 (a) BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
13 to provide funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-
14 vania, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth,
15 or the Brandywine Conservancy, for the acquisition,
16 protection, and preservation of land in an area gen-
17 erally known as the Meetinghouse Road Corridor, lo-
18 cated in Chester County, Pennsylvania, as depicted
19 on a map entitled “Brandywine Battlefield—Meet-
20 inghouse Road Corridor”, numbered 80,000 and
21 dated April 1999 (referred to in this title as the
22 “Brandywine Battlefield”). The map shall be on file
23 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-
24 ice.

1 (2) WILLING SELLERS OR DONORS.—Interests
2 in land shall be acquired pursuant to this section
3 only from willing sellers or donors.

4 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND TECHNICAL AS-
5 SISTANCE.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative
6 agreement with the same entity that is provided funds
7 under subsection (a) for the management by the entity
8 of the Brandywine Battlefield. The Secretary may also
9 provide technical assistance to the entity to assure the
10 preservation and interpretation of the battlefield's re-
11 sources.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 to carry out
14 this section. Such funds shall be expended in the ratio of
15 \$1 of Federal funds for each dollar of funds contributed
16 by non-Federal sources. Any funds provided by the Sec-
17 retary shall be subject to an agreement that provides for
18 the protection of the land's resources.

19 **SEC. 103. STUDY OF BATTLEFIELDS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
21 the date on which funds are made available to carry out
22 this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
23 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
24 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives

1 a resource study of the property described in sections 101
2 and 102.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The study shall—

4 (1) identify the full range of resources and his-
5 toric themes associated with the Paoli Battlefield
6 and the Brandywine Battlefield, including their rela-
7 tionship to the American Revolutionary War and the
8 Valley Forge National Historical Park; and

9 (2) identify alternatives for National Park Serv-
10 ice involvement at the sites and include cost esti-
11 mates for any necessary acquisition, development,
12 interpretation, operation, and maintenance associ-
13 ated with the alternatives identified.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
16 necessary to carry out this section.

17 **TITLE II—VALLEY FORGE** 18 **NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

19 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

20 This title may be cited as the “Valley Forge Museum
21 of the American Revolution Act of 1999”.

22 **SEC. 202. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

23 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

24 (1) Valley Forge National Historical Park, for-
25 merly a State park, was established as a unit of the

1 National Park System in 1976. The National Park
2 Service acquired various lands and structures associ-
3 ated with the park, including a visitor center, from
4 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

5 (2) Valley Forge National Historical Park
6 maintains an extensive collection of artifacts, books,
7 and other documents associated with the Continental
8 Army's winter encampment of 1777–1778 at Valley
9 Forge, Revolutionary War-era artifacts of military
10 life, important archaeological resources, and numer-
11 ous structures and associated artifacts.

12 (3) Between 1982 and 1997 the National Park
13 Service completed a general management plan, long-
14 range interpretive plan, and strategic business plan
15 for Valley Forge National Historical Park that es-
16 tablish goals and priorities for management of the
17 park.

18 (4) These plans identify inadequacies in the
19 park's current visitor center and interpretive pro-
20 grams. The plans call for the development of a new
21 or significantly renovated visitor center that would
22 make the collection accessible to the public through
23 exhibits and research facilities. Plans also call for
24 improving the interpretation of the landscape and
25 improving the circulation into and through the park.

1 (5) The Valley Forge Historical Society was es-
2 tablished in 1918 as a nonprofit organization to pre-
3 serve and interpret for future generations the sig-
4 nificant history and artifacts of the American Revo-
5 lution in their historic setting at Valley Forge. The
6 Valley Forge Historical Society has amassed valu-
7 able holdings of artifacts, art, books, and other doc-
8 uments relating to the 1777–1778 encampment of
9 Washington’s Continental Army at Valley Forge, the
10 American Revolution, and the American colonial era.
11 The Society continues to pursue additional impor-
12 tant collections through bequests, exchanges, and ac-
13 quisitions.

14 (6) The Society’s collection is currently housed
15 in a facility inadequate to properly maintain, pre-
16 serve, and display their ever-growing collection. The
17 Society is interested in developing an up-to-date mu-
18 seum and education facility.

19 (7) The Society and the National Park Service
20 have discussed the idea of a joint museum and edu-
21 cation and visitor facility. Such a collaborative
22 project would directly support the historical, edu-
23 cational, and interpretive activities and needs of Val-
24 ley Forge National Historical Park and those of the
25 Valley Forge Historical Society. A joint facility

1 would combine 2 outstanding museum collections
2 and provide an enhanced experience at Valley Forge
3 for visitors, scholars, and researchers.

4 (8) The Society has proposed to raise funds to
5 construct a new museum and education and visitor
6 center on park property at Valley Forge National
7 Historical Park that would be planned, developed,
8 and operated jointly with Valley Forge National His-
9 torical Park.

10 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to author-
11 ize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agree-
12 ment with the Valley Forge Historical Society to construct
13 and operate a museum within the boundary of Valley
14 Forge National Historical Park in cooperation with the
15 Secretary.

16 **SEC. 203. VALLEY FORGE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REV-**
17 **OLUTION AUTHORIZATION.**

18 (a) AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
19 the Interior, in administering the Valley Forge National
20 Historical Park, is authorized to enter into an agreement
21 under appropriate terms and conditions with the Valley
22 Forge Historical Society to facilitate the planning, con-
23 struction, and operation of the Valley Forge Museum of
24 the American Revolution on Federal land within the
25 boundary of Valley Forge National Historical Park.

1 (b) CONTENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREE-
2 MENT.—An agreement entered into under subsection (a)
3 shall—

4 (1) authorize the Society to develop and operate
5 the museum pursuant to plans developed by the Sec-
6 retary and to provide at the museum appropriate
7 and necessary programs and services to visitors to
8 Valley Forge National Historical Park, related to
9 the story of Valley Forge and the American Revolu-
10 tion;

11 (2) only be carried out in a manner consistent
12 with the General Management Plan and other plans
13 for the preservation and interpretation of the re-
14 sources and values of Valley Forge National Histor-
15 ical Park;

16 (3) authorize the Secretary to undertake at the
17 museum activities related to the management of Val-
18 ley Forge National Historical Park, including, but
19 not limited to, provision of appropriate visitor infor-
20 mation and interpretive facilities and programs re-
21 lated to Valley Forge National Historical Park;

22 (4) authorize the Society, acting as a private
23 nonprofit organization, to engage in activities appro-
24 priate for operation of a museum that may include,
25 but are not limited to, charging appropriate fees,

1 conducting events, and selling merchandise, tickets,
2 and food to visitors to the museum;

3 (5) provide that the Society's revenues from the
4 museum's facilities and services shall be used to off-
5 set the expenses of the museum's operation; and

6 (6) authorize the Society to occupy the struc-
7 ture(s) so constructed for the term specified in the
8 Agreement and subject to the following terms and
9 conditions:

10 (A) The conveyance by the Society to the
11 United States of America of all right, title, and
12 interest in the structure(s) to be constructed at
13 Valley Forge National Historical Park.

14 (B) The Society's right to occupy and use
15 the structure(s) shall be for the exhibition, pres-
16 ervation, and interpretation of artifacts associ-
17 ated with the Valley Forge story and the Amer-
18 ican Revolution, to enhance the visitor experi-
19 ence of Valley Forge National Historical Park,
20 and to conduct appropriately related activities
21 of the Society consistent with its mission and
22 with the purposes for which the Valley Forge
23 National Historical Park was established. Such
24 right shall not be transferred or conveyed with-
25 out the express consent of the Secretary.

1 (C) Any other terms and conditions as may
2 be determined by the Secretary.

3 **SEC. 204. PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act shall authorize the Secretary or
5 the Society to take any actions in derogation of the preser-
6 vation and protection of the values and resources of Valley
7 Forge National Historical Park. An agreement entered
8 into under section 203 shall be construed and imple-
9 mented in light of the high public value and integrity of
10 the Valley Forge National Historical Park and the Na-
11 tional Park System.

12 **SEC. 205. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON PURCHASE OF**
13 **AMERICAN-MADE GOODS.**

14 It is the sense of the Congress that the Society, in
15 constructing and operating the Museum, purchase Amer-
16 ican-made goods to the greatest degree practicable.

Passed the House of Representatives June 22, 1999.

Attest:

Clerk.