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To designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SARBANES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Catoctin Mountain Na-
5 tional Recreation Area Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration
9 Area, in Frederick County, Maryland—

10 (A) was established in 1933; and

1 (B) was transferred to the National Park
2 Service by executive order in 1936;

3 (2) in 1942, the presidential retreat known as
4 “Camp David” was established in the Catoctin
5 Recreation Demonstration Area;

6 (3) in 1952, approximately 5,000 acres of land
7 in the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration Area was
8 transferred to the State of Maryland and designated
9 as Cunningham Falls State Park;

10 (4) in 1954, the Catoctin Recreation Dem-
11 onstration Area was renamed “Catoctin Mountain
12 Park”;

13 (5) the proximity of Catoctin Mountain Park,
14 Camp David, and Cunningham Falls State Park and
15 the difference between management of the parks by
16 the Federal and State government has caused long-
17 standing confusion to visitors to the parks;

18 (6) Catoctin Mountain Park is 1 of 17 units in
19 the National Park System and 1 of 9 units in the
20 National Capital Region that does not have the word
21 “National” in the title; and

22 (7) the history, uses, and resources of Catoctin
23 Mountain Park make the park appropriate for des-
24 ignation as a national recreation area.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to des-
 2 ignate Catoctin Mountain Park as a national recreation
 3 area to—

4 (1) clearly identify the park as a unit of the
 5 National Park System; and

6 (2) distinguish the park from Cunningham
 7 Falls State Park.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 (a) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled
 10 “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, num-
 11 bered 841/80444, and dated August 14, 2002.

12 (b) RECREATION AREA.—The term “recreation area”
 13 means the Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area
 14 designated by section 4(a).

15 (c) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the
 16 Secretary of the Interior.

17 **SEC. 4. CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION**
 18 **AREA.**

19 (a) DESIGNATION.—Catoctin Mountain Park in the
 20 State of Maryland shall be known and designated as the
 21 “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”.

22 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
 23 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
 24 States to Catoctin Mountain Park shall be deemed to be

1 a reference to the Catoctin Mountain National Recreation
2 Area.

3 (c) BOUNDARY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The recreation area shall
5 consist of land within the boundary depicted on the
6 map.

7 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be
8 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
9 propriate offices of the National Park Service.

10 (3) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may make
11 minor adjustments in the boundary of the recreation
12 area consistent with section 7(c) of the Land and
13 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C.
14 460l–9(c)).

15 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
16 acquire any land, interest in land, or improvement to land
17 within the boundary of the recreation area by donation,
18 purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
19 change.

20 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
21 ister the recreation area—

22 (1) in accordance with this Act and the laws
23 generally applicable to units of the National Park
24 System, including—

1 (A) the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C.
2 1 et seq.); and

3 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.
4 461 et seq.); and

5 (2) in a manner that protects and enhances the
6 scenic, natural, cultural, historical, and recreational
7 resources of the recreation area.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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