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H. R. 1376

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS of Texas 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 “Waco Mammoth Na-
5 tional Monument Establishment Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) The Waco Mammoth Site area is located
9 near the confluence of the Brazos and the Bosque
10 rivers in Central Texas, near the City of Waco.

1 (2) Baylor University has been investigating the
2 site since 1978 after the discovery of bones emerging
3 from eroding creek banks leading to the uncovering
4 of portions of five mammoths.

5 (3) Several additional mammoth remains have
6 been uncovered making this the largest known con-
7 centration of mammoths dying from the same event.

8 (4) The discoveries have received international
9 attention.

10 (5) The University and the City of Waco have
11 been working together to protect the site and to de-
12 velop further research and educational opportunities.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act the following definitions apply:

15 (1) NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The term “na-
16 tional monument” means the Waco Mammoth Na-
17 tional Monument, established in section 4.

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 4. WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT, TEXAS.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Waco
22 Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, as
23 a unit of the National Park System.

1 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
3 the national monument in accordance with this Act, the
4 cooperative agreements described in this section, and laws
5 and regulations generally applicable to units of the Na-
6 tional Park System, including the National Park Service
7 Organic Act (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

8 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
9 may enter into cooperative agreements for the manage-
10 ment of the national monument with Baylor University
11 and City of Waco, pursuant to the National Park Service
12 General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–2(1)).

13 **SEC. 6. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND BOUNDARY MAN-**
14 **AGEMENT.**

15 (a) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—The Secretary is
16 authorized to acquire from willing sellers lands, or inter-
17 ests in lands, within the proposed boundary of the national
18 monument necessary for effective management.

19 (b) CONDITIONS.—Lands identified in subsection (a)
20 may be acquired—

21 (1) by donation, purchase with donated or ap-
22 propriated funds, transfer from another Federal
23 agency, or by exchange; and

24 (2) in the case of lands owned by the State of
25 Texas, or a political subdivision thereof, only by do-
26 nation or exchange.

1 **SEC. 7. CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON NONFEDERAL**
2 **LANDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized, sub-
4 ject to the appropriation of necessary funds, to construct
5 essential administrative or visitor use facilities on non-
6 Federal lands within the national monument.

7 (b) OTHER FUNDING.—In addition to the use of Fed-
8 eral funds authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary may
9 use donated funds, property, and services to carry out this
10 section.

11 **SEC. 8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years after
13 the date on which funds are made available to carry out
14 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with Baylor Uni-
15 versity and City of Waco, shall prepare a management
16 plan for the national monument.

17 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The management plan shall in-
18 clude, at a minimum—

19 (1) measures for the preservation of the re-
20 sources of the national monument;

21 (2) requirements for the type and extent of de-
22 velopment and use of the national monument;

23 (3) identification of visitor carrying capacities
24 for national monument; and

25 (4) opportunities for involvement by Baylor
26 University, the City of Waco, the State of Texas,

1 and other local and national entities in the formula-
2 tion of educational programs for the national monu-
3 ment and for developing and supporting the national
4 monument.

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