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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System.

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 “National Park System
5 Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “donor ac-
10 knowledgment” means a statement, logo, trade-

1 mark, proper legal name, or other reasonable
2 form of credit acknowledging a contribution by
3 a donor.

4 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “donor ac-
5 knowledgment” does not include—

6 (i) a sign or other fixture that would
7 block or obstruct a natural or historic site
8 or view; or

9 (ii) a statement or credit that pro-
10 motes a political candidate or issue.

11 (2) ELIGIBLE STRUCTURE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible
13 structure” means a structure at a unit of the
14 National Park System.

15 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “eligible
16 structure” includes—

17 (i) a visitor center;

18 (ii) an administrative structure; and

19 (iii) a specific room or section of a
20 visitor center or an administrative struc-
21 ture.

22 (C) EXCLUSION.—The term “eligible
23 structure” does not include a commemorative
24 work (as defined in section 8902(a) of title 40,
25 United States Code).

1 (3) LANDSCAPE FEATURE.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “landscape
3 feature” means a component that contributes to
4 the character significance of a landscape.

5 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “landscape
6 feature” includes land, water, vegetation, walls,
7 pathways, stairways, and plazas.

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

10 **SEC. 3. DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AT STRUCTURES IN**
11 **UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
13 retary may authorize donor acknowledgments at an eligi-
14 ble structure to recognize contributions for a museum col-
15 lection or landscape feature at a unit of the National Park
16 System.

17 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Donor acknowledgments under
18 subsection (a) shall be displayed—

19 (1) in a manner that is approved by the Sec-
20 retary, in consultation with the Superintendent at
21 the unit of the National Park System in which the
22 eligible structure, museum collection, or landscape
23 feature is located, after taking into account any
24 input from the donating entity; and

1 (2) for a period of time, as determined by the
2 Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent
3 at the unit of the National Park System in which
4 the eligible structure, museum collection, or land-
5 scape feature is located, that is commensurate with
6 the amount of the contribution and the life of the el-
7 igible structure.

8 (c) PLACEMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Donor acknowledgments
10 under subsection (a) may be affixed to benches, fur-
11 nishings, bricks, vehicles, walls, pathways, plazas,
12 and staircases.

13 (2) LIMITATION.—Any donor acknowledgment
14 under subsection (a) associated with land, water,
15 vegetation, an item in a museum collection, or a his-
16 toric structure shall be freestanding.

17 (d) EXPANSION OF DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—

18 The Secretary may authorize the use of donor acknowledg-
19 ments under this section to include acknowledgments on
20 digital and media platforms, including online applications
21 and web-based product downloads relating to a specific
22 unit of the National Park System.

23 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
25 implement this section.

1 (f) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section re-
 2 quires the Secretary to accept a donation.

3 **SEC. 4. DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO BE DISPLAYED AT**
 4 **COMMEMORATIVE WORKS AND LANDSCAPE**
 5 **FEATURES.**

6 Section 8905 of title 40, United States Code, is
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (7);
 9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(c) DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS.—

12 “(1) DEFINITION OF LANDSCAPE FEATURE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘landscape
 14 feature’ means a component that contributes to
 15 the character or significance of a landscape.

16 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘landscape
 17 feature’ includes walls, pathways, stairways,
 18 plazas, and other features that are considered
 19 to be components of a landscape in accordance
 20 with applicable National Park Service regula-
 21 tions.

22 “(2) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONOR CONTRIBU-
 23 TION.—Except as otherwise provided in this sub-
 24 section, the Secretary of the Interior or Adminis-
 25 trator of General Services, as applicable, may ac-

1 knowledge or permit a sponsor to acknowledge,
 2 donor contributions at the commemorative work.

3 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—An acknowledgment
 4 under paragraph (2) shall—

5 “(A) be displayed—

6 “(i) inside an ancillary structure asso-
 7 ciated with the commemorative work; or

8 “(ii) as part of a landscape feature;
 9 and

10 “(B) conform to applicable National Park
 11 Service or General Services Administration
 12 guidelines for donor recognition, as applicable.

13 “(4) LIMITATIONS.—An acknowledgment under
 14 paragraph (2) shall—

15 “(A) be limited to an appropriate state-
 16 ment or credit recognizing the contribution;

17 “(B) be displayed in a form approved by—

18 “(i) the National Mall and Memorial
 19 Parks Donor Recognition Plan or other ap-
 20 plicable National Park Service guidelines
 21 for donor recognition; and

22 “(ii) General Services Administration
 23 guidelines;

24 “(C) be displayed for a period of up to 10
 25 years, with the display period to be commensu-

1 rate with the level of the contribution, as deter-
2 mined in accordance with the plan and guide-
3 lines described in subparagraph (B); and

4 “(D) be freestanding.

5 “(5) COST.—The sponsor shall bear all ex-
6 penses related to the display of donor acknowledg-
7 ments under paragraph (2).

8 “(6) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall
9 apply to any commemorative work dedicated after
10 January 1, 2010.”.

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