

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4163

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 1998

Mr. CLAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that the Old Courthouse located  
5       in the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in Saint  
6       Louis, Missouri, is the place where a slave named Dred  
7       Scott fought for his freedom in a landmark trial that  
8       found the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional and pre-

1 cipitated the Civil War, and is therefore one of our Na-  
2 tion's most important historic sites.

3 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE COMMEMORATING**  
4 **DRED SCOTT DECISION IN JEFFERSON NA-**  
5 **TIONAL EXPANSION MEMORIAL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
8 Interior shall install a plaque commemorating the Su-  
9 preme Court decision in the case Dred Scott v. John San-  
10 ford, 60 U.S. 393 (1857), at the entrance to the Old  
11 Courthouse located in the Jefferson National Expansion  
12 Memorial in Saint Louis, Missouri.

13 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAQUE.—The plaque shall in-  
14 clude information regarding—

15 (1) the important facts about Dred Scott's life  
16 and death; and

17 (2) the significance of the Dred Scott case to  
18 the Missouri Compromise and the Civil War.

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