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H. R. 641

To establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNULTY (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. VENTO, Mr. LEACH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KING, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. FROST, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LaFALCE, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. McHUGH, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 Sec. 2. Definitions.
 Sec. 3. Findings and purposes.
 Sec. 4. Establishment of Kate Mullany National Historic Site.
 Sec. 5. Acquisition of property.
 Sec. 6. Administration of historic site.
 Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act:

5 (1) The term “historic site” means the Kate
 6 Mullany National Historic Site established by sec-
 7 tion 4 of this Act.

8 (2) The term “plan” means the general man-
 9 agement plan developed pursuant to section 6(d).

10 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
 11 of the Interior.

12 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

13 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

14 (1) The Kate Mullany House in Troy, New
 15 York, is listed on the National Register of Historic
 16 Places and has been designated as a National His-
 17 toric Landmark.

18 (2) The National Historic Landmark Theme
 19 Study on American Labor History concluded that
 20 the Kate Mullany House appears to meet the criteria
 21 of national significance, suitability, and feasibility
 22 for inclusion in the National Park System.

1 (3) The city of Troy, New York—

2 (A) played an important role in the devel-
3 opment of the collar and cuff industry and the
4 iron industry in the 19th century, and in the
5 development of early men’s and women’s worker
6 and cooperative organizations; and

7 (B) was the home of the first women’s
8 labor union, led by Irish immigrant Kate
9 Mullany.

10 (4) The city of Troy, New York, with 6 neigh-
11 boring cities, towns, and villages, entered into a co-
12 operative arrangement to create the Hudson-Mo-
13 hawk Urban Cultural Park Commission to manage
14 their valuable historic resources and the area within
15 these municipalities has been designated by the
16 State of New York as a heritage area to represent
17 industrial development and labor themes in the
18 State’s development.

19 (5) This area, known as the Hudson-Mohawk
20 Urban Cultural Park or RiverSpark, has been a pio-
21 neer in the development of partnership parks where
22 intergovernmental and public and private partner-
23 ships bring about the conservation of our heritage
24 and the attainment of goals for preservation, edu-
25 cation, recreation, and economic development.

1 (6) Establishment of the Kate Mullany Na-
2 tional Historic Site and cooperative efforts between
3 the National Park Service and the Hudson-Mohawk
4 Urban Cultural Park Commission will provide oppor-
5 tunities for the illustration and interpretation of im-
6 portant themes of the heritage of the United States,
7 and will provide unique opportunities for education,
8 public use, and enjoyment.

9 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

10 (1) to preserve and interpret the nationally sig-
11 nificant home of Kate Mullany for the benefit, inspi-
12 ration, and education of the people of the United
13 States; and

14 (2) to interpret the connection between immi-
15 gration and the industrialization of the Nation, in-
16 cluding the history of Irish immigration, women’s
17 history, and worker history.

18 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF KATE MULLANY NATIONAL**
19 **HISTORIC SITE.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, as a unit
21 of the National Park System, the Kate Mullany National
22 Historic Site in the State of New York.

23 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The historic site shall consist of
24 the home of Kate Mullany, comprising approximately
25 .05739 acre, located at 350 Eighth Street in Troy, New

1 York, as generally depicted on the map entitled
2 _____ and dated _____.

3 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

4 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may acquire
5 lands and interests therein within the boundaries of the
6 historic site and ancillary real property for parking or in-
7 terpretation, as necessary and appropriate for manage-
8 ment of the historic site. Such acquisitions may be by do-
9 nation, purchase from willing sellers with donated or ap-
10 propriated funds, or exchange.

11 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-
12 quire personal property associated with, and appropriate
13 for, the interpretation of the historic site using the meth-
14 ods provided in subsection (a).

15 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
17 the historic site in accordance with this Act and all laws
18 generally applicable to units of the National Park System,
19 including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.;
20 commonly known as the National Park Service Organic
21 Act), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et
22 seq.; commonly known as the Historic Sites, Buildings,
23 and Antiquities Act).

24 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—To further the
25 purposes of this Act, the Secretary may consult with and

1 enter into cooperative agreements with the State of New
2 York and the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Com-
3 mission, and other public and private entities to facilitate
4 public understanding and enjoyment of the life and work
5 of Kate Mullany through the development, presentation,
6 and funding of exhibits and other appropriate activities
7 related to the preservation, interpretation, and use of the
8 historic site and related historic resources.

9 (c) EXHIBITS.—The Secretary may display, and ac-
10 cept for the purposes of display, items associated with
11 Kate Mullany, as may be necessary for the interpretation
12 of the historic site.

13 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than
14 two complete fiscal years after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a general manage-
16 ment plan for the historic site. Upon its completion, the
17 Secretary shall submit the plan to the Committee on En-
18 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
19 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives. The
20 plan shall include recommendations for regional wayside
21 exhibits, to be carried out through cooperative agreements
22 with the State of New York and other public and private
23 entities. The plan shall be prepared in accordance with
24 section 12(b) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et

1 seq.; commonly known as the National Park System Gen-
2 eral Authorities Act).

3 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
5 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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