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

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Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kate Mullany National
5 Historic Site Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Kate Mullany House in Troy, New
9 York, is listed on the National Register of Historic

1 Places and has been designated as a National His-
2 toric Landmark;

3 (2) the National Historic Landmark Theme
4 Study on American Labor History concluded that
5 the Kate Mullany House appears to meet the criteria
6 of national significance, suitability, and feasibility
7 for inclusion in the National Park System;

8 (3) the city of Troy, New York—

9 (A) played an important role in the devel-
10 opment of the collar and cuff industry and the
11 iron industry in the 19th century and in the de-
12 velopment of early men's and women's worker
13 and cooperative organizations; and

14 (B) was the home of the first women's
15 labor union, led by Irish immigrant Kate
16 Mullany;

17 (4) the city of Troy, New York, has entered
18 into a cooperative arrangement with 6 neighboring
19 cities, towns, and villages to create the Hudson-Mo-
20 hawk Urban Cultural Park Commission to manage
21 the valuable historic resources in the area, and the
22 area within those municipalities has been designated
23 by the State of New York as a heritage area to rep-
24 resent industrial development and labor themes in
25 the development of the State;

1 (5) the area, known as the “Hudson-Mohawk
 2 Urban Cultural Park” or “RiverSpark”, has been a
 3 pioneer in the development of partnership parks in
 4 which intergovernmental and public and private
 5 partnerships bring about the conservation of the
 6 area’s heritage and the attainment of goals for pres-
 7 ervation, education, recreation, and economic devel-
 8 opment; and

9 (6) establishment of the Kate Mullany National
 10 Historic Site and cooperative efforts between the
 11 National Park Service and the Hudson-Mohawk
 12 Urban Cultural Park Commission will—

13 (A) provide opportunities for the illustra-
 14 tion and interpretation of important themes of
 15 the heritage of the United States; and

16 (B) provide unique opportunities for edu-
 17 cation, public use, and enjoyment.

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

19 (1) to preserve and interpret the nationally sig-
 20 nificant home of Kate Mullany for the benefit, inspi-
 21 ration, and education of the people of the United
 22 States; and

23 (2) to interpret the connection between immi-
 24 gration and the industrialization of the United

1 States, including the history of Irish immigration,
 2 women's history, and worker history.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”
 6 means the Kate Mullany National Historic Site es-
 7 tablished by section 4.

8 (2) PLAN.—The term “plan” means the general
 9 management plan developed under section 6(d).

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

12 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF KATE MULLANY NATIONAL**
 13 **HISTORIC SITE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a unit
 15 of the National Park System the Kate Mullany National
 16 Historic Site in the State of New York.

17 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The historic site shall consist of
 18 the home of Kate Mullany, comprising approximately
 19 .05739 acre, located at 350 Eighth Street in Troy, New
 20 York, as generally depicted on the map entitled
 21 _____ and dated _____.

22 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

23 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may acquire
 24 land and interests in land within the boundaries of the
 25 historic site and ancillary real property for parking or in-

1 terpretation, as necessary and appropriate for manage-
 2 ment of the historic site.

3 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-
 4 quire personal property associated with, and appropriate
 5 for, the interpretation of the historic site.

6 (c) MEANS.—An acquisition of real property or per-
 7 sonal property may be made by donation, purchase from
 8 a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
 9 change.

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

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
 12 the historic site in accordance with this Act and the law
 13 generally applicable to units of the National Park System,
 14 including the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National
 15 Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August
 16 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act entitled “An
 17 Act to provide for the preservation of historic American
 18 sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national signifi-
 19 cance, and for other purposes”, approved August 21, 1935
 20 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

21 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
 22 this Act, the Secretary may consult with and enter into
 23 cooperative agreements with the State of New York, the
 24 Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Commission, and
 25 other public and private entities to facilitate public under-

1 standing and enjoyment of the life and work of Kate
 2 Mullany through the development, presentation, and fund-
 3 ing of exhibits and other appropriate activities related to
 4 the preservation, interpretation, and use of the historic
 5 site and related historic resources.

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

10 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 full fiscal
 12 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
 13 Secretary shall—

14 (A) develop a general management plan for
 15 the historic site; and

16 (B) submit the plan to the Committee on
 17 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
 18 and the Committee on Resources of the House
 19 of Representatives.

20 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall include rec-
 21 ommendations for regional wayside exhibits to be
 22 carried out through cooperative agreements with the
 23 State of New York and other public and private en-
 24 tities.

1 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan shall be pre-
2 pared in accordance with section 12(b) of the Act
3 entitled “An Act to improve the administration of
4 the national park system by the Secretary of the In-
5 terior, and to clarify the authorities applicable to the
6 system, and for other purposes”, approved August
7 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C 1a et seq.).

8 **SEC. 7. 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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