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H. R. 1289

To establish the National Parks Institute at the University of California,
Merced, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself and Mr. CARDOZA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the National Parks Institute at the University
of California, Merced, 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 “National Parks Insti-
5 tute Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) PURPOSE OF ACT.—The purpose of this Act is
8 to establish the National Parks Institute.

1 (b) PURPOSES OF INSTITUTE.—The purposes of the
2 Institute are as follows:

3 (1) To train future executives in the complex
4 management issues that confront national parks.

5 (2) To promote scientific research to support
6 decisionmaking in national parks.

7 (3) To promote stewardship through consulta-
8 tion, cooperation, and communication, all in the
9 service of conservation.

10 (4) To promote and development environ-
11 mentally sustainable resource management practices.

12 (5) To develop and promote a sophisticated pro-
13 gram to help developing nations manage their nat-
14 ural and cultural resources.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

16 (1) INSTITUTE.—The term “Institute” means
17 the National Parks Institute established pursuant to
18 section 3.

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

21 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
23 Director of the National Park Service, shall establish the
24 National Parks Institute.

1 (b) LOCATION.—The Institute shall be located on the
2 campus of the University of California at Merced, Cali-
3 fornia.

4 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE.**

5 (a) MANAGEMENT.—The Institute shall be jointly ad-
6 ministered by the National Park Service and the Univer-
7 sity of California, Merced.

8 (b) CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—
9 The Secretary may enter into contracts and cooperative
10 agreements with the University of California, Merced, and
11 any other public or private agency, organization, or insti-
12 tution, to carry out this Act.

13 (c) FACILITY.—

14 (1) LEASING OR ACQUIRING FACILITY.—The
15 Secretary may lease or acquire a facility for the In-
16 stitute.

17 (2) CONSTRUCTION OF A FACILITY.—If the
18 Secretary determines that a suitable facility is not
19 available for a lease or acquisition under paragraph
20 (1), the Secretary may construct a facility for the
21 Institute.

22 (d) ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND TRANSFERS.—To
23 carry out this Act, the Secretary may accept—

24 (1) grants or donations from private parties; or

1 (2) transfers of funds from other Federal agen-
2 cies.

3 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

4 (a) MATCHING OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may
5 spend only such amount of Federal funds to carry out this
6 Act as is matched by an equal amount of funds from non-
7 Federal sources.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
10 necessary to carry out this Act.

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