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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 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”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 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.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act:

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

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

8 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
9 of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

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

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

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

21 (3) The city of Troy, New York—

22 (A) played an important role in the devel-
23 opment of the collar and cuff industry and the
24 iron industry in the 19th century, and in the
25 development of early men’s and women’s worker
26 and cooperative organizations; and

1 (B) was the home of the first women's
2 labor union, led by Irish immigrant Kate
3 Mullany.

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

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

20 (6) Establishment of the Kate Mullany Na-
21 tional Historic Site and cooperative efforts between
22 the National Park Service and the Hudson-Mohawk
23 Urban Cultural Park Commission will provide oppor-
24 tunities for the illustration and interpretation of im-
25 portant themes of the heritage of the United States,

1 and will provide unique opportunities for education,
2 public use, and enjoyment.

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

4 (1) to preserve and interpret the nationally sig-
5 nificant home of Kate Mullany for the benefit, inspi-
6 ration, and education of the people of the United
7 States; and

8 (2) to interpret the connection between immi-
9 gration and the industrialization of the Nation, in-
10 cluding the history of Irish immigration, women’s
11 history, and worker history.

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 0.05739 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 lands and interests therein 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. Such acquisitions may be by do-
3 nation, purchase from willing sellers with donated or ap-
4 propriated funds, or exchange.

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

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

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

18 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—To further the
19 purposes of this Act, the Secretary may consult with and
20 enter into cooperative agreements with the State of New
21 York and the Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Com-
22 mission, and other public and private entities to facilitate
23 public understanding and enjoyment of the life and work
24 of Kate Mullany through the development, presentation,
25 and funding of exhibits and other appropriate activities

1 related to the preservation, interpretation, and use of the
2 historic site and related historic resources.

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

7 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than
8 2 complete fiscal years after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a general manage-
10 ment plan for the historic site. Upon its completion, the
11 Secretary shall submit the plan to the Committee on En-
12 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
13 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives. The
14 plan shall include recommendations for regional wayside
15 exhibits, to be carried out through cooperative agreements
16 with the State of New York and other public and private
17 entities. The plan shall be prepared in accordance with
18 section 12(b) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et
19 seq.; commonly known as the National Park System Gen-
20 eral Authorities Act).

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