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# S. 1789

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2003

Mr. MILLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Martin Luther King,  
5        Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

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

1           (1) Public Law 96–438 established the Martin  
2 Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site, and al-  
3 lows acquisition, by donation only, of lands owned by  
4 the State.

5           (2) The National Park Service owns a vacant  
6 lot that has no historic significance. The City of At-  
7 lanta has expressed interest in acquiring this prop-  
8 erty to encourage commercial development along  
9 Edgewood Avenue.

10          (3) The National Historic Site Visitor Center  
11 and Museum is land-locked and has no emergency  
12 ingress or egress, making it virtually impossible for  
13 firefighting equipment to reach.

14          (4) The acquisition of city-owned property  
15 would enable the National Park Service to establish  
16 easy street access to the National Historic Site Vis-  
17 itor Center and Museum, and would benefit the City  
18 by exchanging a piece of property that the City  
19 could develop.

20          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-  
21 ize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther  
22 King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by  
23 the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

1 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

2       Section 2(b)(1) of the Act of October 10, 1980 (Pub-  
3 lic Law 96-428; 94 Stat. 1839; 16 U.S.C. 461 note) is  
4 amended by striking the period and inserting “or ex-  
5 change.”.

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