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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2005

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GILCHREST) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 “Star-Spangled Banner
5 National Historic Trail Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRAIL.**

2 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(25) STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HIS-
6 TORIC TRAIL.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Star-Spangled
8 Banner National Historic Trail (referred to in
9 this paragraph as the ‘trail’), an approximately
10 290-mile long trail extending from southern
11 Maryland through the District of Columbia and
12 Virginia, and north to Baltimore, Maryland,
13 commemorating the Chesapeake Campaign of
14 the War of 1812 (including the British invasion
15 of Washington, District of Columbia, and its
16 associated feints and the Battle of Baltimore in
17 summer 1814), as generally depicted on the
18 maps contained in the draft report entitled
19 ‘Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail
20 Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact
21 Statement’, and dated March 2004.

22 “(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the
23 trail shall be maintained on file and available
24 for public inspection in the appropriate offices
25 of the National Park Service.

1 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to sub-
2 paragraph (E)(ii), the trail shall be adminis-
3 tered by the Secretary of the Interior.

4 “(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—No land or in-
5 terest in land outside the exterior boundaries of
6 any federally administered area may be ac-
7 quired by the United States for the trail except
8 with the consent of the owner of the land or in-
9 terest in land.

10 “(E) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-
11 retary of the Interior shall—

12 “(i) encourage communities, owners of
13 land along the trail, and volunteer trail
14 groups to participate in the planning, de-
15 velopment, and maintenance of the trail;
16 and

17 “(ii) consult with other affected land-
18 owners and Federal, State, and local agen-
19 cies in the administration of the trail.

20 “(F) INTERPRETATION AND ASSIST-
21 ANCE.—Subject to the availability of appropria-
22 tions, the Secretary of the Interior may provide
23 to State and local governments and nonprofit
24 organizations interpretive programs and serv-
25 ices and, through Fort McHenry National

1 Monument and Shrine, technical assistance, for
2 use in carrying out preservation and develop-
3 ment of, and education relating to the War of
4 1812 along, the trail.”.

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