

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2384

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2009

Mr. FLEMING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Park Service
3 and Northwestern State University Collections Conserva-
4 tion Center Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds that—

7 (1) Cane River Creole National Historical Park
8 has a nationally significant museum collection of
9 more than 1,000,000 objects that is housed in leased
10 space that fails to meet National Park Service mu-
11 seum standards;

12 (2) there is no land within the boundary of the
13 historical park in Natchitoches Parish that is above
14 the 500-year floodplain, which is the level required
15 for constructing curatorial facilities under National
16 Park Service policies;

17 (3) the historical park has a longstanding part-
18 nership with Northwestern State University, with
19 which the historical park is required under the ena-
20 bling legislation for the historical park to coordinate
21 a Cane River region comprehensive research pro-
22 gram, including a program for curation methods;

23 (4) in 1992, the National Center for Preserva-
24 tion Technology and Training, which is administered
25 by the National Park Service, was established at
26 Northwestern University under section 403 of the

1 National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
2 470x-2);

3 (5) the National Center for Preservation Tech-
4 nology and Training requires additional space to
5 house equipment and workspace connected with the
6 development and dissemination of preservation and
7 conservation skills and technologies; and

8 (6) contingent on the approval by the Board of
9 Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System,
10 Northwestern State University is willing to make
11 available land suitable for the National Park Service
12 to construct a facility for curatorial and workspace
13 needs of the National Center for Preservation Tech-
14 nology and Training if the University is able to use
15 space in the facility for educational purposes relating
16 to the Williamson Museum collection of the Univer-
17 sity.

18 **SEC. 3. COLLECTIONS CONSERVATION CENTER.**

19 Section 304 of the Cane River Creole National His-
20 torical Park and National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C.
21 410ccc-2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(f) COLLECTIONS CONSERVATION CENTER.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
24 into an agreement with Northwestern State Univer-
25 sity (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Univer-

1 sity’) to construct a facility on land owned by the
2 University to be used—

3 “(A) to house the museum collection of the
4 historical park;

5 “(B) to provide additional space for use by
6 the National Center for Preservation Tech-
7 nology and Training; and

8 “(C) to provide space to the University for
9 educational purposes relating to the Williamson
10 Museum collection, if the University pays an
11 appropriate rental fee to the National Park
12 Service, as determined in the agreement entered
13 into under this paragraph.

14 “(2) USE OF FEE.—Proceeds from the rental
15 fees collected under paragraph (1)(C) shall be avail-
16 able, without further appropriation, for the historical
17 park.”.

18 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

19 The Cane River Creole National Historical Park and
20 National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C. 410ccc et seq.)
21 is amended—

22 (1) in the third sentence of section 304(e) (16
23 U.S.C. 410ccc–2(e)), by striking “of Technology”
24 and inserting “Technology”; and

- 1 (2) in section 305(a) (16 U.S.C. 41ccc-3(a)),
- 2 by striking “interest” and inserting “interests”.

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