

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 279

To amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to designate the historic site as the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Palo Alto Battlefield
5 National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation
6 Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD NA-**
2 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Palo Alto Battlefield Na-
4 tional Historic Site is hereby designated the “Palo Alto
5 Battlefield National Historical Park”.

6 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
7 ulation, document, paper or other record of the United
8 States to Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site is
9 deemed to be a reference to the Palo Alto Battlefield Na-
10 tional Historical Park.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Palo Alto
12 Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 (Public Law
13 102–304; 106 Stat. 256; 16 U.S.C. 461) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “National Historic Site” each
15 place it appears and inserting “National Historical
16 Park”;

17 (2) in the heading for section 3, by striking
18 “**NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**” and inserting “**NA-**
19 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**”; and

20 (3) by striking “historic site” each place it ap-
21 pears and inserting “historical park”.

22 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY EXPANSION.**

23 Section 3(b) of the Palo Alto Battlefield National
24 Historic Site Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–304; 106 Stat.
25 256; 16 U.S.C. 461) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
2 graph (3);

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(2) The historical park also shall consist of approxi-
6 mately 34 acres as generally depicted on the map entitled
7 ‘Palo Alto Battlefield NHS Proposed Boundary Expans-
8 sion’, numbered 469/80,012, and dated May 21, 2008.
9 The map shall be on file and available for public inspection
10 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.”;
11 and

12 (3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by
13 striking “map referred to in paragraph (1)” and in-
14 serting “maps referred to in paragraphs (1) and
15 (2)”.

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