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H. R. 6077

To designate the Rachel Carson Nature Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2012

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rachel Carson Nature
5 Trail Designation Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that Rachel Carson—

8 (1) was born on May 27, 1907, on a farm in
9 Springdale, Pennsylvania, graduated magna cum
10 laude with a bachelor’s degree in biology from the
11 Pennsylvania College for Women (later Chatham

1 College), and was awarded a full scholarship that en-
2 abled her to obtain a master's degree in marine zool-
3 ogy from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore;

4 (2) was a world-renowned environmental sci-
5 entist, writer, and educator;

6 (3) worked as a writer, editor, and ultimately
7 Editor-in-Chief for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serv-
8 ice's publications department;

9 (4) published the groundbreaking book Silent
10 Spring in September 1962, which was translated
11 into more than a dozen foreign languages and in-
12 spired the environmental movement;

13 (5) used the National Park Service's Glover
14 Archbold Park in the District of Columbia for her
15 observations and study of nature and the environ-
16 ment;

17 (6) accomplished much of her professional work
18 at the United States Department of the Interior in
19 the District of Columbia;

20 (7) performed research on pesticides, the find-
21 ings of which were sustained by a Science Advisory
22 Committee appointed during President John F. Ken-
23 nedy's administration, and resulted in State legisla-
24 tures enacting pesticide-regulating legislation;

1 (8) was inducted into the American Academy of
2 Arts and Letters and received many other honors;

3 (9) passed away on April 14, 1964, in Silver
4 Spring, Maryland; and

5 (10) leaves a rich legacy that will continue to
6 benefit present and future generations well beyond
7 the 50th anniversary of Silent Spring in September
8 2012.

9 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE RACHEL CARSON TRAIL.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—The trail located in Glover
11 Archbold Park in the District of Columbia from Canal
12 Road to Van Ness Street, designated by the National Park
13 Service as Reservation 351 and 450, shall be designated
14 and known as the “Rachel Carson Nature Trail”.

15 (b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
16 tions, document, record, map, paper, or other record of
17 the United States to the trail referred to in subsection (a)
18 is deemed to be a reference to the “Rachel Carson Nature
19 Trail”.

20 (c) SIGNAGE.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
21 post signs on or near the Rachel Carson Nature Trail that
22 include one or more of the following:

23 (1) Information on Rachel Carson and her con-
24 tributions to the environmental movement.

25 (2) Images of Rachel Carson.

- 1 (3) References to Rachel Carson's efforts to
- 2 educate others about the importance of environ-
- 3 mental protection, conservation, and sustainability.

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