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# H. R. 622

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FALEOMAVEGA, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK ANNEX IN TINIAN.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5 “American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) In 2001 the National Park Service con-  
2           ducted a suitability and feasibility study of North  
3           Field on the island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the  
4           Northern Mariana Islands, for inclusion in the Na-  
5           tional Park System.

6           (2) North Field Tinian is listed on the National  
7           Register of Historic Places as an historic district  
8           and has been designated a national historic land-  
9           mark.

10          (3) The Department of Defense holds a 50-year  
11          lease over North Field Tinian.

12          (4) The National Park Service determined that  
13          North Field Tinian was suitable for inclusion as  
14          “one of the most significant World War II sites in  
15          the Pacific” because atomic bombs were flown to  
16          Hiroshima and Nagasaki from this site.

17          (5) The National Park Service determined,  
18          however, that it was not feasible to include North  
19          Field Tinian as a unit of the National Park System  
20          because of the “military’s future long term needs”.

21          (6) American Memorial Park on the island of  
22          Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-  
23          lands, is managed by the National Park Service, as  
24          authorized under Public Law 94–241 and Public

1 Law 95–348, to commemorate the World War II  
2 Marianas Campaign.

3 (7) A Tinian Annex to the American Memorial  
4 Park could provide the opportunity for on and off  
5 site interpretation of North Field without conflicting  
6 with military needs.

7 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—Using existing facilities in-  
8 stead of developing new facilities to the extent practicable,  
9 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National  
10 Park Service, shall develop, maintain, and administer an  
11 annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
12 Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park  
13 located in Saipan, on an appropriate parcel of Tinian Pub-  
14 lic Land to be agreed upon by the National Park Service  
15 and the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands in con-  
16 sultation with the Mayor of Tinian. The annex shall be  
17 used to—

18 (1) interpret the important aspects of North  
19 Field by highlighting the historic events related to  
20 the World War II Marianas Campaign; and

21 (2) serve as a curatorial storage of World War  
22 II artifacts.

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