

Public Law 118–235  
118th Congress

An Act

To designate Holcombe Rucker Park, in Harlem, New York, as a National Commemorative Site, and for other purposes.

Jan. 4, 2025

[H.R. 6852]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Holcombe Rucker Park National Commemorative Site Act”.

Holcombe Rucker  
Park National  
Commemorative  
Site Act.  
54 USC 320101  
note.

**SEC. 2. NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SITE.**

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—Holcombe Rucker Park, in Harlem, New York, is hereby designated as the “Holcombe Rucker Park National Commemorative Site” (referred to in this section as the “Commemorative Site”).

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with appropriate public or private entities, including the Mayor of New York City or the Mayor’s designee, for interpretive and educational purposes related to the Commemorative Site, including installing a plaque, interpretive exhibit, or other marker, as appropriate, at the Commemorative Site, with the written consent of the owner of the Commemorative Site, to memorialize the achievements of Holcombe Rucker and to provide recognition of the historic role of Holcombe Rucker Park in the development of the game of basketball and of many of its most talented players.

Contracts.

(2) **EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.**—The Commemorative Site shall not be a unit of the National Park System.

(3) **LIMITATIONS.**—Nothing in this Act—

(A) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to interfere with the rights of any person with respect to private property or any local zoning ordinance or land use plan of the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof, including prohibiting any actions that may otherwise be taken by a property owner (including any owner of the Commemorative Site) with respect to the property of the owner;

(B) affects the administration of the Commemorative Site by New York City or the State of New York; or

(C) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land or interests in land through condemnation or otherwise.

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