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H. R. 5655

To establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2018

Mr. BARR 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 “Camp Nelson Heritage
5 National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
9 titled “Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument

1 Nicholasville, Kentucky”, numbered 532/144,148,
2 and dated April 2018.

3 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
4 means the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monu-
5 ment established by section 3(a).

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
8 rector of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMP NELSON HERITAGE NA-**
10 **TIONAL MONUMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
13 there is established, as a unit of the National Park
14 System, the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monu-
15 ment in the State of Kentucky, to preserve, protect,
16 and interpret for the benefit of present and future
17 generations, the nationally significant historic re-
18 sources of Camp Nelson and its role in the American
19 Civil War, Reconstruction, and African American
20 history and civil rights.

21 (2) CONDITIONS.—The Monument shall not be
22 established until after the Secretary—

23 (A) has entered into a written agreement
24 with the owner of any private or non-Federal
25 land within the Camp Nelson Heritage National

1 Monument boundary as depicted on the Map
2 providing that such property shall be donated to
3 the United States for inclusion in the Monu-
4 ment to be managed consistently with the pur-
5 poses of the Monument; and

6 (B) has determined that sufficient land or
7 interests in land have been acquired within the
8 boundary of the Monument to constitute a man-
9 ageable unit.

10 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Monument
11 shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

12 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
13 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
14 fices of the National Park Service.

15 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
16 only acquire any land or interest in land located within
17 the boundary of the Monument by—

- 18 (1) donation;
19 (2) purchase with donated funds; or
20 (3) exchange.

21 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
23 ister the Monument in accordance with—

24 (A) this Act; and

1 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
2 of the National Park System, including—

3 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
4 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
5 and 102101 of title 54, United States
6 Code; and

7 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
8 States Code.

9 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
11 after the date on which funds are first made
12 available to the Secretary for this purpose, the
13 Secretary shall prepare a general management
14 plan for the Monument in accordance with sec-
15 tion 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

16 (B) SUBMIT TO CONGRESS.—On comple-
17 tion of the general management plan, the Sec-
18 retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-
19 ural Resources of the House of Representatives
20 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
21 sources of the Senate.

22 (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—No private
23 property or non-Federal public property shall be managed
24 as part of the Monument without the written consent of
25 the owner of such property.

1 (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the
2 establishment of the Monument, or the management of the
3 Monument shall be construed to create buffer zones out-
4 side of the Monument. The fact that an activity or use
5 can be seen, heard, or detected from within the Monument
6 shall not preclude the conduct of that activity or use out-
7 side of the Monument.

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