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Mr. OBERNOLTE 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Japanese American
5 World War II History Network Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HISTORY NET-**
7 **WORK.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior
9 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall estab-
10 lish, within the National Park Service, a program to be
11 known as the “Japanese American World War II History
12 Network” (hereinafter referred to as the “Network”).

13 (b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
14 Network, the Secretary shall—

15 (1) review studies and reports to complement
16 and not duplicate studies of Japanese American
17 World War II history and Japanese American expe-
18 riences during World War II, including studies re-
19 lated to relocation centers and confinement sites,
20 that are underway or completed;

21 (2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
22 cational materials, such as handbooks, maps, inter-
23 pretive guides, or electronic information relating to
24 Japanese American World War II history and Japa-

1 nese American experiences during the war, including
2 relocation centers and confinement sites;

3 (3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
4 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
5 technical assistance under subsection (c); and

6 (4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
7 symbol or device for the Network; and

8 (B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
9 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

10 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
11 following elements:

12 (1) All units and programs of the National
13 Park Service that are determined by the Secretary
14 to relate to Japanese American World War II his-
15 tory and Japanese American experiences during the
16 war, including relocation centers and confinement
17 sites.

18 (2) With the consent of the property owner,
19 other Federal, State, local, Tribal, and privately
20 owned properties that—

21 (A) relate to Japanese American World
22 War II history and Japanese experiences during
23 the war, including relocation centers and con-
24 finement sites;

1 (B) have a verifiable connection to Japa-
2 nese American World War II history and Japa-
3 nese experiences during the war, including relo-
4 cation and confinement sites; and

5 (C) are included in, or determined by the
6 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-
7 tional Register of Historic Places.

8 (3) Other governmental and nongovernmental
9 facilities and programs of an educational, research,
10 or interpretive nature that are directly related to
11 Japanese American World War II history and the
12 experiences of Japanese Americans during the war,
13 including relocation centers and confinement sites.

14 **SEC. 3. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF**
15 **UNDERSTANDING.**

16 To achieve the purposes of this Act and to ensure
17 effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal ele-
18 ments of the Network described in section 2(c) with units
19 of the National Park System and programs of the Na-
20 tional Park Service, including the Japanese American
21 Confinement Sites Program, the Secretary may enter into
22 cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding
23 with, and provide technical assistance to the heads of
24 other Federal agencies, States, units of local government,
25 Tribes, regional governmental bodies, and private entities.

1 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

2 The authority of the Secretary under this Act shall
3 expire 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.