

# Committee on Natural Resources

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Markup Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff— Terry Camp and Holly Baker  
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x6-7736)

Mark-Up: **H.R. 6077 (Rep. Tom Reed)**, Recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.  
**July 11, 2018, 10:15 am; 1324 Longworth House Office Building**

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## **H.R. 6077, “National Comedy Center Recognition Act”**

### **Summary of the Bill**

The National Comedy Center Recognition Act, H.R. 6077, introduced by Representative Tom Reed (R-NY-23), officially designates the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, as the National Comedy Center.

### **Background**

The National Comedy Center in downtown Jamestown, New York, is a nonprofit institution that tells the story of comedy in America. Opening in August 2018, the Center is a live performance space as well as an interactive museum. It is the first national-scale, non-profit cultural institution and visitor experience dedicated to comedy. The museum is acquiring the personal archives of prominent American comedians and will showcase more than 50 exhibits on the history of comedy from early vaudeville to today.<sup>1</sup>

Jamestown is the birthplace of comedienne Lucille Ball of the critically acclaimed “I Love Lucy” sitcom. The National Comedy Center hosts the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival each year. The Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum in Jamestown is also operated by the National Comedy Center.<sup>2</sup>

H.R. 6077 will officially designate the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, as the National Comedy Center. The Center will not be a unit of, or affiliated with, the National Park System. The designation will not require federal funds to be expended for any purpose related to the Center.

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<sup>1</sup> “The Experience”. National Comedy Center website. <https://comedycenter.org/about/>

<sup>2</sup> “Homepage”. Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum website. <http://www.lucy-desi.com/>

**Cost**

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

**Administration Position**

The Administration's position is currently unknown.

**Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer)**

None.