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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 “Cane River Creole Na-  
5       tional Historical Park and National Heritage Area Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Natchitoches area along Cane River, es-  
4 tablished in 1714, is the oldest permanent settle-  
5 ment in the Louisiana Purchase territory;

6 (2) the Cane River area is the locale of the de-  
7 velopment of Creole culture, from French-Spanish  
8 interactions of the early 18th century to today's liv-  
9 ing communities;

10 (3) the Cane River, historically a segment of  
11 the Red River, provided the focal point for early set-  
12 tlement, serving as a transportation route upon  
13 which commerce and communication reached all  
14 parts of the colony;

15 (4) although a number of Creole structures,  
16 sites, and landscapes exist in Louisiana and else-  
17 where, unlike the Cane River area, most are isolated  
18 examples, and lack original outbuilding complexes or  
19 integrity;

20 (5) the Cane River area includes a great variety  
21 of historical features with original elements in both  
22 rural and urban settings and a cultural landscape  
23 that represents various aspects of Creole culture,  
24 providing the base for a holistic approach to under-  
25 standing the broad continuum of history within the  
26 region;

1           (6) the Cane River region includes the  
2 Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District,  
3 composed of approximately 300 publicly and pri-  
4 vately owned properties, four other national historic  
5 landmarks, and other structures and sites that may  
6 meet criteria for landmark significance following fur-  
7 ther study;

8           (7) historic preservation within the Cane River  
9 area has greatly benefitted from individuals and or-  
10 ganizations that have strived to protect their herit-  
11 age and educate others about their rich history; and

12           (8) because of the complexity and magnitude of  
13 preservation needs in the Cane River area, and the  
14 vital need for a culturally sensitive approach, a part-  
15 nership approach is desirable for addressing the  
16 many preservation and educational needs.

17 (b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this Act are to—

18           (1) recognize the importance of the Cane River  
19 Creole culture as a nationally significant element of  
20 the cultural heritage of the United States;

21           (2) establish a Cane River Creole National His-  
22 torical Park to serve as the focus of interpretive and  
23 educational programs on the history of the Cane  
24 River area and to assist in the preservation of cer-  
25 tain historic sites along the river; and

1           (3) establish a Cane River National Heritage  
2 Area and Commission to be undertaken in partner-  
3 ship with the State of Louisiana, the City of  
4 Natchitoches, local communities and settlements of  
5 the Cane River area, preservation organizations, and  
6 private landowners, with full recognition that pro-  
7 grams must fully involve the local communities and  
8 landowners.

9           **TITLE I—CANE RIVER NATIONAL**  
10           **HISTORICAL PARK**

11       **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to assist in the preserva-  
13 tion and interpretation of, and education concerning, the  
14 Creole culture and diverse history of the Natchitoches re-  
15 gion, and to provide technical assistance to a broad range  
16 of public and private landowners and preservation organi-  
17 zations, there is hereby established the Cane River Creole  
18 National Historical Park (hereinafter in this Act referred  
19 to as the “historical park”).

20           (b) AREA INCLUDED.—The historical park shall con-  
21 sist of lands and interests therein as follows:

22           (1) Lands and structures associated with the  
23 Oakland Plantation as depicted on map CARI,  
24 80,002, dated January 1994.

1           (2) Lands and structures owned or acquired by  
2           Museum Contents, Inc. as depicted on map CARI,  
3           ~~80,001, dated January 1994.~~ *80,001A, dated May*  
4           *1994.*

5           (3) Sites that may be the subject of cooperative  
6           agreements with the National Park Service for the  
7           purposes of historic preservation and interpretation  
8           including, but not limited to, the Melrose Plantation,  
9           the Badin-Roque site, the Cherokee Plantation, the  
10          Beau Fort Plantation, and sites within the  
11          Natchitoches National Historical Landmark District:  
12          *Provided*, That such sites may not be added to the  
13          historical park unless the Secretary of the Interior  
14          (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) deter-  
15          mines, based on further research and planning, that  
16          such sites meet the applicable criteria for national  
17          historical significance, suitability, and feasibility,  
18          and notification of the proposed addition has been  
19          transmitted to the Committee on Energy and Natu-  
20          ral Resources of the United States Senate and the  
21          appropriate committees of the House of Representa-  
22          tives.

23          (4) Not to exceed 10 acres of land that the Sec-  
24          retary may designate for an interpretive visitor cen-

1 ter complex to serve the needs of the historical park  
2 and heritage area established in title II of this Act.

3 **SEC. 102. ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
5 the historical park in accordance with this Act, and with  
6 provisions of law generally applicable to units of the Na-  
7 tional Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act  
8 to establish a National Park Service, and for other pur-  
9 poses”, approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16  
10 U.S.C. 1, 2–4); and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat.  
11 666, 16 U.S.C. 461–467). The Secretary shall manage the  
12 historical park in such a manner as will preserve resources  
13 and cultural landscapes relating to the Creole culture of  
14 the Cane River and enhance public understanding of the  
15 important cultural heritage of the Cane River region.

16 (b) DONATIONS.—The Secretary may accept and re-  
17 tain donations of funds, property, or services ~~for~~ *from* indi-  
18 viduals, foundations, or other public or private entities for  
19 the purposes of providing programs, services, facilities, or  
20 technical assistance that further the purposes of this Act.  
21 *Any funds donated to the Secretary pursuant to this sub-*  
22 *section may be expended without further appropriation.*

23 (c) INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—The Secretary is au-  
24 thorized to construct, operate, and maintain an interpre-  
25 tive center on lands identified by the Secretary pursuant

1 to section 101(b)(4) of this title. Such center shall provide  
2 for the general information and orientation needs of the  
3 historical park and the heritage area. The Secretary shall  
4 consult with the State of Louisiana, the City of  
5 Natchitoches, the Association for the Preservation of His-  
6 toric Natchitoches, and the Cane River National Heritage  
7 Area Commission pursuant to section 202 of this Act in  
8 the planning and development of the interpretive center.

9 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND TECHNICAL  
10 ASSISTANCE.—(1) The Secretary, after consultation with  
11 the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission estab-  
12 lished pursuant to section 202 of this Act, is authorized  
13 to enter into cooperative agreements with owners of prop-  
14 erties within the heritage area and owners of properties  
15 within the historical park that provide important edu-  
16 cational and interpretive opportunities relating to the her-  
17 itage of the Cane River region. The Secretary may also  
18 enter into cooperative agreements for the purpose of facili-  
19 tating the preservation of important historic sites and  
20 structures identified in the historical park's general man-  
21 agement plan or other heritage elements related to the  
22 heritage of the Cane River region. Such cooperative agree-  
23 ments shall specify that the National Park Service shall  
24 have reasonable rights of access for operational and visitor  
25 use needs and that preservation treatments will meet the

1 Secretary's standards for rehabilitation of historic build-  
2 ings.

3 (2) The Secretary is authorized to enter into coopera-  
4 tive agreements with the City of Natchitoches, the State  
5 of Louisiana, and other public or private organizations for  
6 the development of the interpretive center, educational  
7 programs, and other materials that will facilitate public  
8 use of the historical park and heritage area.

9 (e) RESEARCH.—The Secretary, acting through the  
10 National Park Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive  
11 research program on the complex history of the Cane  
12 River region, including ethnography studies of the living  
13 communities along the Cane River, and how past and  
14 present generations have adapted to their environment, in-  
15 cluding genealogical studies of families within the Cane  
16 River area. Research shall include, but not be limited to,  
17 the extensive primary historic documents within the  
18 Natchitoches and Cane River areas, and curation methods  
19 for their care and exhibition. The research program shall  
20 be coordinated with Northwestern State University of  
21 Louisiana, and the National Center for Preservation Tech-  
22 nology and Training in Natchitoches.

23 **SEC. 103. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

24 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Except as otherwise pro-  
25 vided in this section, the Secretary is authorized to acquire

1 lands and interests therein within the boundaries of the  
2 historical park by donation, purchase with donated or ap-  
3 propriated funds, or exchange.

4 (b) STATE AND LOCAL PROPERTIES.—Lands and in-  
5 terests therein that are owned by the State of Louisiana,  
6 or any political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only  
7 by donation or exchange.

8 (c) MUSEUM CONTENTS, INC.—Lands and structures  
9 identified in section 101(b)(2) may be acquired only by  
10 donation.

11 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SITES.—Lands and  
12 interests therein that are the subject of cooperative agree-  
13 ments pursuant to section 101(b)(3) shall not be acquired  
14 except with the consent of the owner thereof.

15 **SEC. 104. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

16 Within 3 years after the date funds are made avail-  
17 able therefor and in consultation with the Cane River Her-  
18 itage Area Commission, the National Park Service shall  
19 prepare a general management plan for the historical  
20 park. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to—

21 (1) a visitor use plan indicating programs and  
22 facilities that will be provided for public use, includ-  
23 ing the location and cost of an interpretive center;

24 (2) programs and management actions that the  
25 National Park Service will undertake cooperatively

1 with the heritage area commission, including preser-  
 2 vation treatments for important sites, structures, ob-  
 3 jects, and research materials. Planning shall address  
 4 educational media, roadway signing, and brochures  
 5 that could be prepared ~~jointly~~ *coordinated* with the  
 6 Commission pursuant to section 203 of this Act; and

7 (3) preservation and use plans for any sites and  
 8 structures that are identified for National Park  
 9 Service involvement through cooperative agreements.

10 **TITLE II—CANE RIVER NATIONAL**  
 11 **HERITAGE AREA**

12 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANE RIVER NATIONAL**  
 13 **HERITAGE AREA.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established  
 15 the Cane River National Heritage Area (hereinafter re-  
 16 ferred to as the “heritage area”).

17 (b) PURPOSE.—In furtherance of the need to recog-  
 18 nize the value and importance of the Cane River region  
 19 and in recognition of the findings of section 2(a) of this  
 20 Act, it is the purpose of this title to establish a heritage  
 21 area to complement the historical park and to provide for  
 22 a culturally sensitive approach to the preservation of the  
 23 heritage of the Cane River region, and for other needs in-  
 24 cluding—

1 (1) recognizing areas important to the Nation's  
2 heritage and identity;

3 (2) assisting in the preservation and enhance-  
4 ment of the cultural landscape and traditions of the  
5 Cane River region;

6 (3) providing a framework for those who live  
7 within this important dynamic cultural landscape to  
8 assist in preservation and educational actions; and

9 (4) minimizing the need for Federal land acqui-  
10 sition and management.

11 (c) AREA INCLUDED.—The heritage area shall in-  
12 clude—

13 (1) an area approximately 1 mile on both sides  
14 of the Cane River as depicted on map CARI,  
15 ~~80,000, dated January 1994; 80,000A, dated May~~  
16 ~~1994;~~

17 ~~(2) the Natchitoches National Historical Land-~~  
18 ~~mark District;~~

19 *(2) those properties within the Natchitoches Na-*  
20 *tional Historic Landmark District which are the sub-*  
21 *ject of cooperative agreements pursuant to section*  
22 *102(d);*

23 (3) the Los Adaes State Commemorative Area;

24 (4) the Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area;

1 (5) the Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Com-  
2 memorative Area; and

3 (6) the Kate Chopin House.

4 A final identification of all areas and sites to be included  
5 in the heritage area shall be included in the heritage area  
6 management plan as required in section 203 of this title.

7 **SEC. 202. CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA COMMIS-**  
8 **SION.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—To assist in implementing the  
10 purposes of this Act and to provide guidance for the man-  
11 agement of the heritage area, there is established the Cane  
12 River National Heritage Area Commission (hereinafter re-  
13 ferred to as the “Commission”).

14 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of  
15 ~~16~~ 19 members to be appointed no later than 6 months  
16 after the date of enactment of this Act. The Commission  
17 shall be appointed by the Secretary as follows—

18 (1) one member from recommendations submit-  
19 ted by the mayor of Natchitoches;

20 (2) one member from recommendations submit-  
21 ted by the Association for the Preservation of His-  
22 toric Natchitoches;

23 (3) one member from recommendations submit-  
24 ted by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, Inc.;

1           ~~(4) one member with experience in and knowl-~~  
2           ~~edge of tourism in the greater Cane River region,~~  
3           ~~from recommendations submitted by local busi-~~  
4           ~~nesses;~~

5           *(4) two members with experience in and knowl-*  
6           *edge of tourism in the heritage area from rec-*  
7           *ommendations submitted by local business and tour-*  
8           *ism organizations;*

9           (5) one member from recommendations submit-  
10          ted by the Governor of the State of Louisiana;

11          (6) one member from recommendations submit-  
12          ted by the Police Jury of Natchitoches Parish;

13          (7) one member from recommendations submit-  
14          ted by the Concerned Citizens of Cloutierville;

15          (8) one member from recommendations submit-  
16          ted by the St. Augustine Historical Society;

17          (9) one member from recommendations submit-  
18          ted by the Black Heritage Committee;

19          (10) one member from recommendations sub-  
20          mitted by the Los Adaes/Robeline Community;

21          (11) one member from recommendations sub-  
22          mitted by the Natchitoches Historic District Com-  
23          mission;

24          (12) one member from recommendations sub-  
25          mitted by the Cane River Waterway Commission;

1           ~~(13)~~ one member who is a landowner along the  
2 Cane River;

3           (13) two members who are landowners in and  
4 residents of the heritage area;

5           (14) one member with experience and knowl-  
6 edge of historic preservation from recommendations  
7 submitted by Museum Contents, Inc.;

8           (15) one member with experience and knowl-  
9 edge of historic preservation from recommendations  
10 submitted by the President of Northwestern State  
11 University of Louisiana; and

12           (16) one member with experience in and knowl-  
13 edge of environmental, recreational and conservation  
14 matters affecting the heritage area from recommenda-  
15 tions submitted by the Natchitoches Sportsmans Asso-  
16 ciation and other local recreational and environ-  
17 mental organizations; and

18           ~~(16)~~ (17) the director of the National Park  
19 Service, or the Director's designee, ex officio.

20           (c) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—The Commission  
21 shall—

22           (1) prepare a management plan for the heritage  
23 area in consultation with the National Park Service,  
24 the State of Louisiana, the City of Natchitoches,

1 Natchitoches Parish, interested groups, property  
2 owners, and the public;

3 (2) consult with the Secretary on the prepara-  
4 tion of the general management plan for the histori-  
5 cal park;

6 (3) develop ~~partnerships~~ *cooperative agreements*  
7 with property owners, preservation groups, edu-  
8 cational groups, the State of Louisiana, the City of  
9 Natchitoches, universities, and tourism groups, and  
10 other groups to ~~furtherance~~ *further* of the purposes  
11 of this Act; and

12 (4) identify appropriate entities, such as a non-  
13 profit corporation, that could be established to as-  
14 sume the responsibilities of the Commission follow-  
15 ing its termination.

16 (d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—In furtherance  
17 of the purposes of this Act, the Commission is authorized  
18 to—

19 (1) procure temporary and intermittent services  
20 to the same extent that is authorized by section  
21 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates  
22 determined by the Commission to be reasonable;

23 (2) accept the services of personnel detailed  
24 from the State of Louisiana or any political subdivi-

1 sion thereof, and may reimburse the State or politi-  
2 cal subdivision for such services;

3 (3) upon the request of the Commission, the  
4 head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reim-  
5 bursable basis, any of the personnel of such agency  
6 to the Commission to assist the Commission in car-  
7 rying out its duties;

8 (4) appoint and fix the compensation of such  
9 staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties.  
10 Staff shall be appointed subject to the provisions of  
11 title 5, United States Code, governing appointments  
12 in the competitive service, and shall be paid in ac-  
13 cordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and sub-  
14 chapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to  
15 classification and General Schedule pay rates;

16 (5) enter into cooperative agreements ~~and~~  
17 leases with public or private individuals or entities  
18 for research, historic preservation, and education  
19 purposes;

20 (6) make grants to assist in the preparation of  
21 studies that identify, preserve, and plan for the man-  
22 agement of the heritage area;

23 (7) notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
24 seek and accept donations of funds or services from  
25 individuals, foundations, or other public or private

1 entities and expend the same for the purposes of  
2 providing services and programs in furtherance of  
3 the purposes of this Act;

4 (8) assist others in developing educational, in-  
5 formational, and interpretive programs and facilities;

6 (9) hold such hearings, sit and act at such  
7 times and places, take such testimony, and receive  
8 such evidence, as the Commission may consider ap-  
9 propriate; and

10 (10) use the United States mails in the same  
11 manner and under the same conditions as other de-  
12 partments or agencies of the United States.

13 (e) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission  
14 shall receive no compensation for their service on the Com-  
15 mission. While away from their homes or regular places  
16 of business in the performance of services for the Commis-  
17 sion, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including  
18 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as  
19 persons employed intermittently in the Government service  
20 are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United  
21 States Code.

22 (f) CHAIRMAN.—The Commission shall elect a chair-  
23 man from among its members. The term of the chairman  
24 shall be for 3 years.

1 (g) TERMS.—The terms of Commission members  
2 shall be for 3 years. Any member of the Commission ap-  
3 pointed by the Secretary for a 3-year term may serve after  
4 expiration of his or her term until a successor is ap-  
5 pointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner  
6 in which the original appointment was made. Any member  
7 appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder  
8 of the term for which the predecessor was appointed.

9 (h) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall sub-  
10 mit an annual report to the Secretary identifying its ex-  
11 penses and any income, the entities to which any grants  
12 or technical assistance were made during the year for  
13 which the report is made, and actions that are planned  
14 for the following year.

15 **SEC. 203. DUTIES OF THE HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION**

16 ***PREPARATION OF THE PLAN.***

17 (a) **PREPARATION OF PLAN.—***IN GENERAL.*—Within  
18 3 years after the Commission conducts its first meeting,  
19 it shall prepare and submit a heritage area management  
20 plan to the Governor of the State of Louisiana. The Gov-  
21 ernor shall, if the Governor approves the plan, submit it  
22 to the Secretary for review and approval. The Secretary  
23 shall provide technical assistance to the Commission in the  
24 preparation and implementation of the plan, in concert  
25 with actions by the National Park Service to prepare a

1 general management plan for the historical park. The plan  
2 shall consider local government plans and shall present a  
3 unified heritage preservation and education plan for the  
4 heritage area. The plan shall include, but not be limited  
5 to—

6 (1) an inventory of important properties and  
7 cultural landscapes that should be preserved, man-  
8 aged, developed, and maintained because of their  
9 cultural, natural, and public use significance;

10 (2) an analysis of current land uses within the  
11 area and how they affect the goals of preservation  
12 and public use of the heritage area;

13 (3) an interpretive plan to address the cultural  
14 and natural history of the area, and actions to en-  
15 hance visitor use. This element of the plan shall be  
16 undertaken in consultation with the National Park  
17 Service and visitor use plans for the national histori-  
18 cal park;

19 (4) recommendations for coordinating actions  
20 by local, State, and Federal governments within the  
21 heritage area, to further the purposes of this Act;  
22 and

23 (5) an implementation program for the plan in-  
24 cluding desired actions by State and local govern-  
25 ments and other involved groups and entities.

1 (b) APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.—The Secretary shall  
2 approve or disapprove the plan within 90 days after re-  
3 ceipt of the plan from the Commission. The Commission  
4 shall notify the Secretary of the status of approval by the  
5 Governor of Louisiana when the plan is submitted for re-  
6 view and approval. In determining whether or not to ap-  
7 prove the plan the Secretary shall consider—

8 (1) whether the Commission has afforded ade-  
9 quate opportunity, including public meetings and  
10 hearings, for public and governmental involvement in  
11 the preparation of the plan; and

12 (2) whether reasonable assurances have been  
13 received from the State and local governments that  
14 the plan is supported and that the implementation  
15 program is feasible.

16 (c) DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLAN.—If the Secretary  
17 disapproves the plan, he shall advise the Commission in  
18 writing of the reasons for disapproval, and shall provide  
19 recommendations and assistance in the revision of the  
20 plan. Following completion of any revisions to the plan,  
21 the Commission shall resubmit the plan to the Governor  
22 of Louisiana for approval, and to the Secretary, who shall  
23 approve or disapprove the plan within 90 days after the  
24 date that the plan is revised.

1 **SEC. 204. TERMINATION OF HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION.**

2 (a) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
3 on the day occurring 10 years after the first official meet-  
4 ing of the Commission.

5 (b) EXTENSION.—The Commission may petition to  
6 be extended for a period of not more than 5 years begin-  
7 ning on the day referred to in subsection (a), provided the  
8 Commission determines a critical need to fulfill the pur-  
9 poses of this Act; and the Commission obtains approval  
10 from the Secretary, in consultation with the Governor of  
11 Louisiana.

12 (c) HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING  
13 TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.—The national herit-  
14 age area status for the Cane River region shall continue  
15 following the termination of the Commission. The manage-  
16 ment plan, and partnerships and agreements subject to  
17 the plan shall guide the future management of the herit-  
18 age area. The Commission, prior to its termination, shall  
19 recommend to the Governor of the State of Louisiana and  
20 the Secretary, appropriate entities, including the potential  
21 for a *nonprofit* corporation, to assume the responsibilities  
22 of the Commission.

23 **SEC. 205. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

24 In general, any Federal entity conducting or support-  
25 ing activities directly affecting the heritage area, and any  
26 entity of the State of Louisiana, or a political subdivision

1 thereof, acting pursuant to a grant of Federal funds or  
2 a Federal permit or agreement directly affecting the herit-  
3 age area shall—

4 *Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities*  
5 *directly affecting the heritage area shall—*

6 (1) consult with the Secretary and the Commis-  
7 sion with respect to implementation of their pro-  
8 posed actions; and

9 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, coordi-  
10 nate such activities with the Commission to mini-  
11 mize potential impacts on the resources of the herit-  
12 age area.

13 **SEC. 206. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) there~~ *There* are  
15 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-  
16 essary to carry out this Act.