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To establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 4. Establishment of Kate Mullany National Historic Site.
- Sec. 5. Acquisition of property.

Sec. 6. Administration of historic site.

Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”
4 means the Kate Mullany National Historic Site es-
5 tablished by section 4.

6 (2) PLAN.—The term “plan” means the general
7 management plan developed under section 6(d).

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

11 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

12 (1) the Kate Mullany House in Troy, New
13 York, is listed on the National Register of Historic
14 Places and has been designated as a National His-
15 toric Landmark;

16 (2) the National Historic Landmark Theme
17 Study on American Labor History concluded that
18 the Kate Mullany House appears to meet the criteria
19 of national significance, suitability, and feasibility
20 for inclusion in the National Park System;

21 (3) the city of Troy, New York—

22 (A) played an important role in the devel-
23 opment of the collar and cuff industry and the
24 iron industry in the 19th century and in the de-

1 velopment of early men’s and women’s worker
2 and cooperative organizations; and

3 (B) was the home of the first women’s
4 labor union, led by Irish immigrant Kate
5 Mullany;

6 (4) the city of Troy, New York, has entered
7 into a cooperative arrangement with 6 neighboring
8 cities, towns, and villages to create the Hudson-Mo-
9 hawk Urban Cultural Park Commission to manage
10 the valuable historic resources in the area, and the
11 area within those municipalities has been designated
12 by the State of New York as a heritage area to rep-
13 resent industrial development and labor themes in
14 the development of the State;

15 (5) the area, known as the “Hudson-Mohawk
16 Urban Cultural Park” or “RiverSpark”, has been a
17 pioneer in the development of partnership parks in
18 which intergovernmental and public and private
19 partnerships bring about the conservation of the
20 area’s heritage and the attainment of goals for pres-
21 ervation, education, recreation, and economic devel-
22 opment; and

23 (6) establishment of the Kate Mullany National
24 Historic Site and cooperative efforts between the

1 National Park Service and the Hudson-Mohawk
2 Urban Cultural Park Commission will—

3 (A) provide opportunities for the illustra-
4 tion and interpretation of important themes of
5 the heritage of the United States; and

6 (B) provide unique opportunities for edu-
7 cation, public use, and enjoyment.

8 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

9 (1) to preserve and interpret the nationally sig-
10 nificant home of Kate Mullany for the benefit, inspi-
11 ration, and education of the people of the United
12 States; and

13 (2) to interpret the connection between immi-
14 gration and the industrialization of the Nation, in-
15 cluding the history of Irish immigration, women’s
16 history, and worker history.

17 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF KATE MULLANY NATIONAL**
18 **HISTORIC SITE.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a unit
20 of the National Park System the Kate Mullany National
21 Historic Site in the State of New York.

22 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The historic site shall consist of
23 the home of Kate Mullany, comprising approximately
24 .05739 acre, located at 350 Eighth Street in Troy, New

1 York, as generally depicted on the map entitled
2 _____ and dated _____.

3 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

4 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may acquire
5 land and interests in land within the boundaries of the
6 historic site and ancillary real property for parking or in-
7 terpretation, as necessary and appropriate for manage-
8 ment of the historic site.

9 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-
10 quire personal property associated with, and appropriate
11 for, the interpretation of the historic site.

12 (c) MEANS.—An acquisition of real property or per-
13 sonal property may be made by donation, purchase from
14 a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
15 change.

16 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
18 the historic site in accordance with this Act and the law
19 generally applicable to units of the National Park System,
20 including the Act of August 25, 1916 (commonly known
21 as the “National Park Service Organic Act”) (16 U.S.C.
22 1 et seq.), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (commonly
23 known as the “Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities
24 Act”) (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

1 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
2 this Act, the Secretary may consult with and enter into
3 cooperative agreements with the State of New York, the
4 Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Commission, and
5 other public and private entities to facilitate public under-
6 standing and enjoyment of the life and work of Kate
7 Mullany through the development, presentation, and fund-
8 ing of exhibits and other appropriate activities related to
9 the preservation, interpretation, and use of the historic
10 site and related historic resources.

11 (c) EXHIBITS.—The Secretary may display, and ac-
12 cept for the purposes of display, items associated with
13 Kate Mullany, as may be necessary for the interpretation
14 of the historic site.

15 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 full fiscal
17 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
18 Secretary shall—

19 (A) develop a general management plan for
20 the historic site; and

21 (B) submit the plan to the Committee on
22 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
23 and the Committee on Resources of the House
24 of Representatives.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall include rec-
2 ommendations for regional wayside exhibits to be
3 carried out through cooperative agreements with the
4 State of New York and other public and private en-
5 tities.

6 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan shall be pre-
7 pared in accordance with section 12(b) of Public
8 Law 91–383 (commonly known as the “National
9 Park System General Authorities Act”) (16 U.S.C
10 1a–7(b)).

11 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
13 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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