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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. COYNE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. GOODLING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect America’s
3 Treasures of the Revolution for Independence for Our To-
4 morrow Act” or the “PATRIOT Act”.

5 **TITLE I—PAOLI AND**
6 **BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELDS**

7 **SEC. 101. PAOLI BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

8 (a) PAOLI BATTLEFIELD.—The Secretary of the In-
9 terior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is au-
10 thorized to provide funds to the borough of Malvern,
11 Pennsylvania, for the protection and preservation of the
12 area known as the “Paoli Battlefield”, located in the bor-
13 ough of Malvern, Pennsylvania, as generally depicted on
14 the map entitled “Paoli Battlefield” numbered ____ and
15 dated ____ (referred to in this title as the “Paoli Battle-
16 field”). The map shall be on file in the appropriate offices
17 of the National Park Service.

18 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND TECHNICAL AS-
19 SISTANCE.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative
20 agreement with the borough of Malvern, Pennsylvania, for
21 the management by the borough of the Paoli Battlefield.
22 The Secretary may provide technical assistance to the bor-
23 ough of Malvern to assure the preservation and interpreta-
24 tion of the battlefield’s resources.

25 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
26 are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000 to carry out

1 this section. Such funds shall be expended in the ratio of
2 \$1 of Federal funds for each dollar of funds contributed
3 by non-Federal sources. Any funds provided by the Sec-
4 retary shall be subject to an agreement that provides for
5 the protection of the land's resources.

6 **SEC. 102. BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

7 (a) BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD.—The Secretary is
8 authorized to provide funds to the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania, a political subdivision of the Common-
10 wealth, or the Brandywine Conservancy, for the protection
11 and preservation of land in an area generally known as
12 the Meetinghouse Road Corridor, located in Chester Coun-
13 ty, Pennsylvania, as depicted on a map entitled “Brandy-
14 wine Battlefield—Meetinghouse Road Corridor”, num-
15 bered ____ and dated ____ (referred to in this title as
16 the “Brandywine Battlefield”). The map shall be on file
17 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

18 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND TECHNICAL AS-
19 SISTANCE.—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative
20 agreement with the same entity that is provided funds
21 under subsection (a) for the management by the entity
22 of the Brandywine Battlefield. The Secretary may also
23 provide technical assistance to the entity to assure the
24 preservation and interpretation of the battlefield's re-
25 sources.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 to carry out
3 this section. Such funds shall be expended in the ratio of
4 \$1 of Federal funds for each dollar of funds contributed
5 by non-Federal sources. Any funds provided by the Sec-
6 retary shall be subject to an agreement that provides for
7 the protection of the land’s resources.

8 **SEC. 103. STUDY OF BATTLEFIELDS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
10 the date on which funds are made available to carry out
11 this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
12 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
13 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives
14 a resource study of the property described in sections 101
15 and 102.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The study shall—

17 (1) identify the full range of resources and his-
18 toric themes associated with the Paoli Battlefield
19 and the Brandywine Battlefield, including their rela-
20 tionship to the American Revolutionary War and the
21 Valley Forge National Historical Park; and

22 (2) identify alternatives for National Park Serv-
23 ice involvement at the sites and include cost esti-
24 mates for any necessary acquisition, development,

1 interpretation, operation, and maintenance associ-
2 ated with the alternatives identified.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
5 necessary to carry out this section.

6 **TITLE II—VALLEY FORGE** 7 **NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

8 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “Valley Forge Museum
10 of the American Revolution Act of 1999”.

11 **SEC. 202. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

12 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

13 (1) Valley Forge National Historical Park, for-
14 merly a State park, was established as a unit of the
15 National Park System in 1976. The National Park
16 Service acquired various lands and structures associ-
17 ated with the park, including a visitor center, from
18 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

19 (2) Valley Forge National Historical Park
20 maintains an extensive collection of artifacts, books,
21 and other documents associated with the Continental
22 Army’s winter encampment of 1777–1778 at Valley
23 Forge, Revolutionary War-era artifacts of military
24 life, important archaeological resources, and numer-
25 ous structures and associated artifacts.

1 (3) Between 1982 and 1997 the National Park
2 Service completed a general management plan, long-
3 range interpretive plan, and strategic business plan
4 for Valley Forge National Historical Park that es-
5 tablish goals and priorities for management of the
6 park.

7 (4) These plans identify inadequacies in the
8 park's current visitor center and interpretive pro-
9 grams. The plans call for the development of a new
10 or significantly renovated visitor center that would
11 make the collection accessible to the public through
12 exhibits and research facilities. Plans also call for
13 improving the interpretation of the landscape and
14 improving the circulation into and through the park.

15 (5) The Valley Forge Historical Society was es-
16 tablished in 1918 as a nonprofit organization to pre-
17 serve and interpret for future generations the sig-
18 nificant history and artifacts of the American Revo-
19 lution in their historic setting at Valley Forge. The
20 Valley Forge Historical Society has amassed valu-
21 able holdings of artifacts, art, books, and other doc-
22 uments relating to the 1777–1778 encampment of
23 Washington's Continental Army at Valley Forge, the
24 American Revolution, and the American colonial era.
25 The Society continues to pursue additional impor-

1 tant collections through bequests, exchanges, and ac-
2 quisitions.

3 (6) The Society's collection is currently housed
4 in a facility inadequate to properly maintain, pre-
5 serve, and display their ever-growing collection. The
6 Society is interested in developing an up-to-date mu-
7 seum and education facility.

8 (7) The Society and the National Park Service
9 have discussed the idea of a joint museum and edu-
10 cation and visitor facility. Such a collaborative
11 project would directly support the historical, edu-
12 cational, and interpretive activities and needs of Val-
13 ley Forge National Historical Park and those of the
14 Valley Forge Historical Society. A joint facility
15 would combine 2 outstanding museum collections
16 and provide an enhanced experience at Valley Forge
17 for visitors, scholars, and researchers.

18 (8) The Society has proposed to raise funds to
19 construct a new museum and education and visitor
20 center on park property at Valley Forge National
21 Historical Park that would be planned, developed,
22 and operated jointly with Valley Forge National His-
23 torical Park.

24 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to author-
25 ize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agree-

1 ment with the Valley Forge Historical Society to construct
2 and operate a museum within the boundary of Valley
3 Forge National Historical Park in cooperation with the
4 Secretary.

5 **SEC. 203. VALLEY FORGE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REV-**
6 **OLUTION AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
8 the Interior, in administering the Valley Forge National
9 Historical Park, is authorized to enter into an agreement
10 under appropriate terms and conditions with the Valley
11 Forge Historical Society to facilitate the planning, con-
12 struction, and operation of the Valley Forge Museum of
13 the American Revolution on Federal land within the
14 boundary of Valley Forge National Historical Park.

15 (b) CONTENTS OF AGREEMENT.—An agreement en-
16 tered into under subsection (a) shall—

17 (1) authorize the Society to operate the mu-
18 seum in cooperation with the Secretary and to pro-
19 vide at the museum programs and services to visi-
20 tors to Valley Forge National Historical Park, relat-
21 ed to the story of Valley Forge and the American
22 Revolution;

23 (2) authorize the Secretary to undertake at the
24 museum activities related to the management of Val-
25 ley Forge National Historical Park, including, but

1 not limited to, provision of appropriate visitor infor-
2 mation and interpretive facilities and programs re-
3 lated to Valley Forge National Historical Park;

4 (3) authorize the Society, acting as a private
5 nonprofit organization, to engage in activities appro-
6 priate for operation of a museum that may include,
7 but are not limited to, charging fees, conducting
8 events, and selling merchandise, tickets, and food to
9 visitors to the museum;

10 (4) provide that the Society's revenues from the
11 museum's facilities and services shall be used to off-
12 set the expenses of the museum's operation; and

13 (5) authorize the Society to occupy the struc-
14 ture(s) so constructed for the term specified in the
15 Agreement and subject to the following terms and
16 conditions:

17 (A) The conveyance by the Society to the
18 United States of America of all right, title, and
19 interest in the structure(s) to be constructed at
20 Valley Forge National Historical Park.

21 (B) The Society's right to occupy and use
22 the structure(s) shall be for the exhibition, pres-
23 ervation, and interpretation of artifacts associ-
24 ated with the Valley Forge story and the Amer-
25 ican Revolution, to enhance the visitor experi-

1 ence of Valley Forge National Historical Park,
2 and to conduct appropriately related activities
3 of the Society consistent with its mission. Such
4 right shall not be transferred or conveyed with-
5 out the express consent of the Secretary.

6 (C) Any other terms and conditions as may
7 be determined by the Secretary.

8 **SEC. 204. PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION.**

9 Nothing in this Act shall authorize the Secretary or
10 the Society to take any actions in derogation of the preser-
11 vation and protection of the values and resources of Valley
12 Forge National Historical Park.

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