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H. R. 216

To establish as a unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. MOCCASIN BEND NATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL**
4 **DISTRICT ACT.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
6 “Moccasin Bend National Archeological District Act”.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

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

1 (2) ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT.—The term “ar-
2 cheological district” means the Moccasin Bend Na-
3 tional Archeological District.

4 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
5 of Tennessee.

6 (4) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
7 titled, “Boundary Map Moccasin Bend National Ar-
8 cheological District”, numbered 301/80098, and
9 dated September 2002.

10 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to preserve, protect,
12 and interpret for the benefit of the public the na-
13 tionally significant archeological and historic re-
14 sources located on the peninsula known as Moccasin
15 Bend, Tennessee, there is established as a unit of
16 Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military
17 Park, the Moccasin Bend National Archeological
18 District.

19 (2) BOUNDARIES.—The archeological district
20 shall consist of approximately 780 acres generally
21 depicted on the Map. The Map shall be on file and
22 available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
23 fices of the National Park Service, Department of
24 the Interior.

1 (3) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN
2 LAND.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may ac-
4 quire by donation, purchase from willing sellers
5 using donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
6 change, lands and interests in lands within the
7 exterior boundary of the archeological district.
8 The Secretary may acquire the State, county
9 and city-owned land and interests in land for
10 inclusion in the archeological district only by
11 donation.

12 (B) EASEMENT OUTSIDE BOUNDARY.—To
13 allow access between areas of the archeological
14 district that on the date of the enactment of
15 this section are noncontiguous, the Secretary
16 may acquire by donation or purchase from will-
17 ing owners using donated or appropriated
18 funds, or exchange, easements connecting the
19 areas generally depicted on the Map.

20 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The archeological district
22 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance
23 with this section, with laws applicable to Chicka-
24 mauga and Chattanooga National Military Park,

1 and with the laws generally applicable to units of the
2 National Park System.

3 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary
4 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements
5 with culturally affiliated federally recognized Indian
6 tribes, governmental entities, and interested persons
7 to provide for the restoration, preservation, develop-
8 ment, interpretation, and use of the archeological
9 district.

10 (3) VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—For pur-
11 poses of interpreting the historical themes and cul-
12 tural resources of the archeological district, the Sec-
13 retary may establish and administer a visitor center
14 in the archeological district.

15 (4) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later
16 than three years after funds are made available
17 under this section, the Secretary shall develop a gen-
18 eral management plan for the archeological district.
19 The general management plan shall describe the ap-
20 propriate protection and preservation of natural, cul-
21 tural, and scenic resources, visitor use, and facility
22 development within the archeological district con-
23 sistent with the purposes of this section, while en-
24 suring continued access by private landowners to
25 their property.

1 (e) REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ACQUISITION AUTHOR-
2 ITY.—The Act of August 3, 1950 (Chapter 532; 16 U.S.C.
3 424a-4) is repealed.

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