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H. R. 1492

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. HONDA) 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. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC CONFINEMENT**
4 **SITES.**

5 (a) PRESERVATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall
6 create a program within the National Park Service to en-
7 courage, support, recognize, and work in partnership with
8 citizens, other Federal agencies, State, local, and tribal
9 governments, other public entities, educational institu-

1 tions, and private nonprofit organizations for the purpose
2 of identifying, researching, evaluating, interpreting, pro-
3 tecting, restoring, repairing, and acquiring historic con-
4 finement sites in order that present and future genera-
5 tions may learn and gain inspiration from these sites and
6 that these sites will demonstrate the Nation’s commitment
7 to equal justice under the law.

8 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary, in consultation with
9 the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition, shall
10 make grants to citizens, State, local, and tribal govern-
11 ments, other public entities, educational institutions, and
12 private nonprofit organizations to assist in carrying out
13 the actions described in subsection (a).

14 (c) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
15 retary shall require a 25 percent non-Federal match for
16 funds provided under this section.

17 (d) SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.—This Act shall have no
18 force or effect on and after the date that is 2 years after
19 the disbursement to grantees under this section of the
20 total amount of funds authorized to be appropriated under
21 section 3.

22 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

23 For purposes of this Act—

24 (1) the term “historic confinement sites”
25 means—

1 (A) the 10 internment camp sites referred
2 to as Gila River, Granada, Heart Mountain, Je-
3 rome, Manzanar, Minidoka, Poston, Rohwer,
4 Topaz, and Tule Lake and depicted in Figures
5 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.4, 9.2, 10.6, 11.2, 12.2,
6 and 13.2, respectively, in “Confinement and
7 Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japa-
8 nese American Relocation Sites”, published by
9 the Western Archeological and Conservation
10 Center, National Park Service, in 1999; and

11 (B) other historically significant locations,
12 as determined by the Secretary, where Japanese
13 Americans were detained during World War II;
14 and

15 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
16 of the Interior.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
19 retary \$38,000,000 to carry out this Act. Such sums shall
20 remain available until expended.

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