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109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1096

[Report No. 109-286]

To establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ANDREWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Additional sponsor: Mr. PASCRELL

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 3, 2005]

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 “Act Commemorating the*
3 *LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison”.*

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

5 *The purposes of this Act are—*

6 *(1) to recognize and pay tribute to Thomas Alva*
7 *Edison and his innovations; and*

8 *(2) to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance the*
9 *Edison National Historic Site to ensure public use*
10 *and enjoyment of the Site as an educational, sci-*
11 *entific, and cultural center.*

12 **SEC. 3. THOMAS EDISON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

13 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Thom-*
14 *as Edison National Historical Park as a unit of the Na-*
15 *tional Park System (hereafter the “Historical Park”).*

16 *(b) BOUNDARIES.—The Historical Park shall be com-*
17 *prised of—*

18 *(1) all property owned by the United States in*
19 *the Edison National Historic Site as well as all prop-*
20 *erty authorized to be acquired by the Secretary of the*
21 *Interior for inclusion in the Edison National Historic*
22 *Site before the date of the enactment of this Act, as*
23 *generally depicted on the map entitled the “Edison*
24 *National Historic Site”, numbered 20003B, and*
25 *dated April 1977; and*

1 (2) *all property authorized to be acquired for in-*
2 *clusion in the Historical Park by this Act or other*
3 *law enacted after the date of the enactment of this*
4 *Act.*

5 (c) *MAP.*—*The map of the Historical Park shall be on*
6 *file and available for public inspection in the appropriate*
7 *offices of the National Park Service.*

8 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall administer the*
10 *Historical Park in accordance with this Act and with the*
11 *provisions of law generally applicable to units of the Na-*
12 *tional Park System, including the Acts entitled “An Act*
13 *to establish a National Park Service, and for other pur-*
14 *poses,” approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C.*
15 *1 et seq.) and “An Act to provide for the preservation of*
16 *historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities*
17 *of national significance, and for other purposes,” approved*
18 *August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).*

19 (b) *ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.*—

20 (1) *REAL PROPERTY.*—*The Secretary may ac-*
21 *quire land or interests in land within the boundaries*
22 *of the Historical Park, from willing sellers only, by*
23 *donation, purchase with donated or appropriated*
24 *funds, or exchange.*

1 (2) *PERSONAL PROPERTY.*—*The Secretary may*
2 *acquire personal property associated with, and appro-*
3 *priate for, interpretation of the Historical Park.*

4 (c) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—*The Secretary may*
5 *consult and enter into cooperative agreements with inter-*
6 *ested entities and individuals to provide for the preserva-*
7 *tion, development, interpretation, and use of the Historical*
8 *Park.*

9 (d) *REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED LAW.*—*Public Law 87–*
10 *628 (76 Stat. 428), regarding the establishment and admin-*
11 *istration of the Edison National Historic Site, is repealed.*

12 (e) *REFERENCES.*—*Any reference in a law, map, regu-*
13 *lation, document, paper, or other record of the United*
14 *States to the “Edison National Historic Site” shall be*
15 *deemed to be a reference to the “Thomas Edison National*
16 *Historical Park”.*

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 *There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
19 *may be necessary to carry out this Act.*

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