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To provide for an interpretive center at the Civil War Battlefield of Corinth, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WHITTEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Corinth, Mississippi,
5 Battlefield Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the 14 sites located in the vicinity of Cor-
9 inth, Mississippi, that were designated as a National
10 Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior

1 in 1991 represent nationally significant events in the
2 Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;
3 and

4 (2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and
5 interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and edu-
6 cation of the people of the United States.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
8 vide for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and
9 Battle of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region
10 and to enhance public understanding of the significance
11 of the Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the
12 Western theater of operations, in cooperation with State
13 or local governmental entities and private organizations
14 and individuals.

15 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT CORINTH, MIS-**
16 **SISSIPPI.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
18 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall acquire by
19 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
20 or exchange, such lands and interest in lands in the vicin-
21 ity of the Corinth Battlefield, in the State of Mississippi,
22 as the Secretary determines to be necessary for the con-
23 struction of an interpretive center to commemorate and
24 interpret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth.

1 (b) PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS.—Lands and interests
2 in lands owned by the State of Mississippi or a political
3 subdivision of the State of Mississippi may be acquired
4 only by donation.

5 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MARKING.**

6 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

7 (1) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Sec-
8 retary shall construct, operate, and maintain on the
9 property acquired under section 3 a center for the
10 interpretation of the Siege and Battle of Corinth
11 and associated historical events for the benefit of the
12 public.

13 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The center shall contain
14 approximately 5,300 square feet, and include inter-
15 preitive exhibits, an auditorium, a parking area, and
16 other features appropriate to public appreciation and
17 understanding of the site.

18 (b) MARKING.—The Secretary may mark sites associ-
19 ated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth National His-
20 toric Landmark, as designated on May 6, 1991, if such
21 sites are determined by the Secretary to be protected by
22 State or local governmental agencies.

23 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The lands and interests in
24 lands acquired, and the facilities constructed and main-
25 tained pursuant to this Act shall be administered by the

1 Secretary as a part of Shiloh National Military Park, sub-
2 ject to the appropriate laws and regulations applicable to
3 the park, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, chap-
4 ter 408; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August 21,
5 1935 (49 Stat. 666, chapter 593; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there
8 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
9 essary to carry out this Act.

10 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Of the amounts made available
11 to carry out this Act, not more than \$6,000,000 may be
12 used to carry out section 4(a).

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