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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to convey to the Montauk Historical Society Light Station located at Montauk, New York.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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. CONVEYANCE OF LIGHT STATION, MONTAUK**
4 **POINT, NEW YORK.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Trans-
7 portation shall convey to the Montauk Historical As-
8 sociation in Montauk, New York, by an appropriate
9 means of conveyance, all right, title, and interest of
10 the United States in and to property comprising

1 Light Station Montauk Point, located at Montauk,
2 New York.

3 (2) DETERMINATION OF PROPERTY.—The Sec-
4 retary may identify, describe, and determine the
5 property to be conveyed pursuant to this section.

6 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—A conveyance of property
8 pursuant to this section shall be made—

9 (A) without the payment of consideration;
10 and

11 (B) subject to the conditions required by
12 paragraphs (3) and (4) and such other terms
13 and conditions as the Secretary may consider
14 appropriate.

15 (2) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—Any convey-
16 ance of property pursuant to this section shall be
17 subject to the condition that all right, title, and in-
18 terest in the Montauk Light Station shall imme-
19 diately revert to the United States if the Montauk
20 Light Station ceases to be maintained as a nonprofit
21 center for public benefit for the interpretation and
22 preservation of the material culture of the United
23 States Coast Guard, the maritime history of
24 Montauk, New York, and Native American and colo-
25 nial history.

1 (3) MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION AND FUNC-
2 TIONS.—Any conveyance of property pursuant to
3 this section shall be subject to such conditions as the
4 Secretary considers to be necessary to assure that—

5 (A) the light, antennas, sound signal, and
6 associated lighthouse equipment located on the
7 property conveyed, which are active aids to
8 navigation, shall continue to be operated and
9 maintained by the United States for as long as
10 they are needed for this purpose;

11 (B) the Montauk Historical Association
12 may not interfere or allow interference in any
13 manner with such aids to navigation without
14 express written permission from the United
15 States;

16 (C) there is reserved to the United States
17 the right to replace, or add any aids to naviga-
18 tion, or make any changes to the Montauk
19 Lighthouse as may be necessary for navigation
20 purposes;

21 (D) the United States shall have the right,
22 at any time, to enter the property conveyed
23 without notice for the purpose of maintaining
24 navigation aids;

1 (E) the United States shall have an ease-
2 ment of access to such property for the purpose
3 of maintaining the navigational aids in use on
4 the property; and

5 (F) the Montauk Light Station shall revert
6 to the United States at the end of the 30-day
7 period beginning on any date on which the Sec-
8 retary of Transportation provides written notice
9 to the Montauk Historical Association that the
10 Montauk Light Station is needed for national
11 security purposes.

12 (4) MAINTENANCE OF LIGHT STATION.—Any
13 conveyance of property under this section shall be
14 subject to the condition that the Montauk Historical
15 Association shall maintain the Montauk Light Sta-
16 tion in accordance with the provisions of the Na-
17 tional Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et
18 seq.) and other applicable laws.

19 (5) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS OF MONTAUK
20 HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Montauk Historical
21 Association shall not have any obligation to maintain
22 any active aid to navigation equipment on property
23 conveyed pursuant to this section.

24 (c) For purposes of this section—

1 (1) the term “Montauk Light Station” means
2 the Coast Guard light station known as Light Sta-
3 tion Montauk Point, located at Montauk, New York,
4 including the keeper’s dwellings, adjacent Coast
5 Guard rights of way, the World War II submarine
6 spotting tower, the lighthouse tower, and the paint
7 locker; and

8 (2) the term “Montauk Lighthouse” means the
9 Coast Guard lighthouse located at the Montauk
10 Light Station.

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