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# H. R. 79

To authorize a study of the struggle for American Independence within  
the Northern Frontier.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHLERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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Independence within the Northern Frontier.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

4 SECTION 1. The Congress finds and declares that:

5 (1) The area comprising historic Tryon County  
6 in the Mohawk Valley of New York State and the  
7 Country of the Six Nations (Iroquois Confederacy),  
8 the “Northern Frontier”, offers excellent opportuni-  
9 ties to study a little known or understood aspect of  
10 the American Revolution—the frontier experience.

1           (2) The Northern Frontier territory was ex-  
2           tremely valuable to both sides and hotly contested  
3           because of its unique geopolitical, military, agricul-  
4           tural, transportation, and commercial attributes.

5           (3) Because such a complex social, economic,  
6           and political society was emerging on the Northern  
7           Frontier, the Continental Congress established the  
8           Northern Indian Department to conduct affairs  
9           there, and the English made the area, and its Indian  
10          population, the centerpiece of its strategy to split the  
11          colonies.

12          (4) Due to the struggle to control the Northern  
13          Frontier, profound privation and hardship were in-  
14          flicted upon nearly all who lived there; a diverse mix  
15          of ethnic and racial groups willingly and unwillingly  
16          thrust into the struggle for independence, leaving  
17          many of them dead, homeless, orphaned, or dis-  
18          located by the end of the hostilities.

19          (5) The tensions on the Northern Frontier  
20          reached such a pitch that a civil war erupted, and  
21          pitted neighbors, families, tribes, and clans against  
22          each other and led to among the bloodiest, intensely  
23          savage, and most destructive battles of the Revolu-  
24          tion.





1 tion. The Secretary shall seek expertise from both local  
2 and national organizations.

3 AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

4 SEC. 6. There is authorized to be appropriated such  
5 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of  
6 this Act.

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