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To amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ 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 “Lower East Side Tene-
5 ment National Historic Site Amendments Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Lower East Side Tenement Museum
9 was founded in 1988 and has, for the past 25 years,
10 preserved and interpreted the history of immigration

1 through the personal experiences of generations of
2 newcomers who settled in and built lives on Manhat-
3 tan’s Lower East Side, America’s iconic immigrant
4 neighborhood.

5 (2)(A) The Director of the National Park Serv-
6 ice found the Lower East Side Tenement at 97 Or-
7 chard Street to be nationally significant.

8 (B) On April 19, 1994, the Secretary of the In-
9 terior declared the Lower East Side Tenement a Na-
10 tional Historic Landmark.

11 (C) The Director of the National Park Service,
12 through a special resource study, found the Lower
13 East Side Tenement suitable and feasible for inclu-
14 sion in the National Park System.

15 (D) On November 12, 1998, the historic site
16 was designated as an affiliated site of the National
17 Park System pursuant to Public Law 105–378.

18 (3)(A) In 2006, the Secretary of the Interior,
19 together with the National Park Service, compiled a
20 general management plan for the site.

21 (B) The plan recognized the need for space for
22 administrative functions, collections storage, and vis-
23 itor services, including orientation and additional ex-
24 hibits.

1 (C) The plan expressly specified that a bound-
2 ary adjustment to the National Historic Site might
3 be considered if the museum was able to obtain
4 property and the resources—

5 (i) included significant features related of
6 the primary purposes of the site;

7 (ii) addressed operational issues including
8 access; or

9 (iii) protected resources critical to the
10 site’s purposes.

11 (4) The Museum obtained a neighboring 1888
12 tenement, 103 Orchard Street, which was restored
13 and renovated to serve as a visitor and education
14 center.

15 (5) 103 Orchard Street was declared a contrib-
16 uting property in the Lower East Side National His-
17 toric District, listed on both the National and New
18 York State Registers of Historic Places.

19 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS.**

20 Public Law 105–378 is amended—

21 (1) in section 101(a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “the
23 Lower East Side Tenement at 97 Orchard
24 Street in New York City is an outstanding sur-
25 vivor” and inserting “the Lower East Side Ten-

1 ements at 97 and 103 Orchard Street in New
2 York City are outstanding survivors”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “the
4 Lower East Side Tenement is” and inserting
5 “the Lower East Side Tenements are”;

6 (2) in section 102—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Lower
8 East Side Tenement found at 97 Orchard
9 Street” and inserting “Lower East Side Tene-
10 ments found at 97 and 103 Orchard Street”;
11 and

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “which
13 owns and operates the tenement building at 97
14 Orchard Street” and inserting “which owns and
15 operates the tenement buildings at 97 and 103
16 Orchard Street”;

17 (3) in section 103(a), by striking “the Lower
18 East Side Tenement at 97 Orchard Street, in the
19 City of New York, State of New York, is des-
20 ignated” and inserting “the Lower East Side Tene-
21 ments at 97 and 103 Orchard Street, in the City of
22 New York, State of New York, are designated”; and

1 (4) in section 104(d), by striking “the property
2 at 97 Orchard Street” and inserting “the properties
3 at 97 and 103 Orchard Street”.

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