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H. R. 4026

To assist the State of New Hampshire in examining the historical significance of the Berlin, New Hampshire, area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 1996

Mr. BASS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Berlin, New Hamp-
5 shire Historic Recognition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to assist the State of New
8 Hampshire in examining the historical significance of the
9 Berlin, New Hampshire, area.

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Berlin, New Hampshire, area has been
4 the site of logging and papermaking for over 125
5 years.

6 (2) The multicultural history of such area, built
7 on the immigrants who came to the area to work in
8 the forests and mills, is an important part of life in
9 Berlin, New Hampshire.

10 (3) The economic situation in such area has
11 changed drastically in recent years, and the vitality
12 of the city of Berlin, New Hampshire, depends on its
13 ability to capitalize on its diverse resources to main-
14 tain a strong job base.

15 (4) One of the resources that may provide jobs
16 is heritage-based development.

17 (5) Berlin, New Hampshire, has developed a
18 Heritage Trail to document and promote apprecia-
19 tion of its many architecturally significant buildings
20 and sites.

21 (6) Over 7,000,000 people a year benefit from
22 the White Mountain National Forest, which owes a
23 great deal to Berlin, New Hampshire, and its indus-
24 try, since the Brown Company donated 38,000 acres
25 of land in the area.

1 (7) A number of sites in the Berlin, New
2 Hampshire, area are of historical significance and
3 could play a role in any designation of National His-
4 toric Landmarks in the area, including the Brown
5 Company House, the Nansen Ski Jump, the Brown
6 Company Research Building, and the Androscoggin
7 River Boom Piers.

8 **SEC. 4. ASSISTANCE.**

9 The Secretary of the Interior shall assist the State
10 of New Hampshire in examining Berlin, New Hampshire,
11 area and the Androscoggin Valley region for historical sig-
12 nificance and identification of sites for possible listing on
13 the National Register of Historic Places.

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