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To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN (for himself and Mr. SANFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

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 “Reconstruction Era
5 National Historical Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECONSTRUCTION ERA NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
7 **PARK.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
2 park” means the Reconstruction Era National His-
3 torical Park.

4 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the maps
5 entitled “Reconstruction Era National Monument
6 Old Beaufort Firehouse,” numbered 550/135,755
7 and dated January 2017; “Reconstruction Era Na-
8 tional Monument Darrah Hall and Brick Baptist
9 Church,” numbered 550/135,756 and dated January
10 2017; and “Reconstruction Era National Monument
11 Camp Saxton,” numbered 550/135,757 and dated
12 January 2017, collectively.

13 (3) NETWORK.—The term “Network” means
14 the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network
15 established pursuant to this Act.

16 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (1) REDESIGNATION OF RECONSTRUCTION ERA
20 NATIONAL MONUMENT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Reconstruction
22 Era National Monument is redesignated as the
23 Reconstruction Era National Historical Park,
24 as generally depicted on the map.

1 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any funds
2 available for the purposes of the Reconstruction
3 Era National Monument shall be available for
4 the purposes of the historical park.

5 (C) REFERENCES.—Any references in a
6 law, regulation, document, record, map, or
7 other paper of the United States to the Recon-
8 struction Era National Monument shall be con-
9 sidered to be a reference to the historical park.

10 (2) BOUNDARY EXPANSION.—

11 (A) BEAUFORT NATIONAL HISTORIC LAND-
12 MARK DISTRICT.—The Secretary is authorized
13 to acquire land or interests in land within the
14 Beaufort National Historic Landmark District
15 that has historic connection to the Reconstruc-
16 tion Era. Upon finalizing an agreement to ac-
17 quire land, the Secretary shall expand the
18 boundary of the historical park to encompass
19 the property.

20 (B) ST. HELENA ISLAND.—The Secretary
21 is authorized to acquire the following and shall
22 expand the boundary of the historical park to
23 include acquisitions under this authority:

24 (i) Land and interests in land adja-
25 cent to the existing boundary on St. Hel-

1 ena Island, South Carolina, as reflected on
2 the map.

3 (ii) Land or interests in land on St.
4 Helena Island, South Carolina, that has a
5 historic connection to the Reconstruction
6 Era.

7 (C) CAMP SAXTON.—The Secretary is au-
8 thorized to accept administrative jurisdiction of
9 Federal land or interests in Federal land adja-
10 cent to the existing boundary at Camp Saxton,
11 as reflected on the map. Upon finalizing an
12 agreement to accept administrative jurisdiction
13 of Federal land or interests in Federal land, the
14 Secretary shall expand the boundary of the his-
15 torical park to encompass that Federal land or
16 interests in Federal land.

17 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
19 ister the historical park in accordance with this Act
20 and with the laws generally applicable to units of the
21 National Park System.

22 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—If the management
23 plan for the Reconstruction Era National Monu-
24 ment—

1 (A) has not been completed on or before
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall incorporate all provisions of this Act into
4 the planning process and complete a manage-
5 ment plan for the historical park within 3
6 years; and

7 (B) has been completed on or before the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall update the plan incorporating the provi-
10 sions of this Act.

11 **SEC. 3. RECONSTRUCTION ERA NATIONAL HISTORIC NET-**
12 **WORK.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

14 (1) establish, within the National Park Service,
15 a program to be known as the “Reconstruction Era
16 National Historic Network”;

17 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, solicit proposals from sites in-
19 terested in being a part of the Network; and

20 (3) administer the Network through the Recon-
21 struction Era National Historical Park.

22 (b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
23 Network, the Secretary shall—

24 (1) review studies and reports to complement
25 and not duplicate studies of the historical impor-

1 tance of Reconstruction Era that may be underway
2 or completed, such as the National Park Service Re-
3 construction Handbook and the National Park Serv-
4 ice Theme Study on Reconstruction;

5 (2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
6 cational and promotional materials relating to the
7 Reconstruction Era and the sites in the network,
8 such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or
9 electronic information;

10 (3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
11 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
12 technical assistance;

13 (4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
14 symbol or device for the Network; and

15 (B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
16 or device adopted under subparagraph (A); and

17 (5) conduct research relating to Reconstruction
18 and the Reconstruction Era.

19 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
20 following elements—

21 (1) all units and programs of the National Park
22 Service that are determined by the Secretary to re-
23 late to the Reconstruction Era;

24 (2) other Federal, State, local, and privately
25 owned properties that the Secretary determines—

1 (A) relate to the Reconstruction Era; and

2 (B) are included in, or determined by the

3 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-

4 tional Register of Historic Places; and

5 (3) other governmental and nongovernmental

6 sites, facilities, and programs of an educational, re-

7 search, or interpretive nature that are directly re-

8 lated to the Reconstruction Era.

9 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA

10 OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this

11 Act and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal

12 and non-Federal elements of the Network and units and

13 programs of the National Park Service, the Secretary may

14 enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of un-

15 derstanding with, and provide technical assistance to, the

16 heads of other Federal agencies, States, units of local gov-

17 ernment, regional governmental bodies, and private enti-

18 ties.

19 (e) NETWORK DEFINED.—The term “Network”

20 means the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network

21 established pursuant to this Act.

22 (f) APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be

23 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section

24 \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year.

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