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To establish America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NUSSLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa, 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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the city of Waterloo, Iowa, and northeast
6 Iowa of the State possess many important elements
7 of the nationally significant story of American agri-
8 culture, including Native American agriculture, agri-
9 cultural mechanization, seed hybridization, farm co-

1 operative movements, rural electrification, farm-to-
2 market systems, rural to urban migration, veterinary
3 practice, food processing and preservation, national
4 farm organizations, international hunger relief, and
5 the development of national and international agri-
6 business;

7 (2) these resources offer outstanding and
8 unique opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate
9 the development of American agriculture;

10 (3) the National Park Service has determined
11 that the story of American agriculture is nationally
12 significant, that northeast Iowa is an ideal place to
13 tell that story, and that this story could be divided
14 into 4 principal topics for interpretation in northeast
15 Iowa: the Amazing Science of Agriculture, Agri-
16 culture as a Way of Life, Organizing for Survival,
17 and Crops from Field to Table;

18 (4) the responsibility for interpreting, retaining,
19 enhancing, and promoting the resources, values, and
20 amenities of Waterloo, Iowa and northeast Iowa re-
21 sides with volunteer associations, private businesses,
22 political subdivisions of the State, and the State of
23 Iowa; and

24 (5) despite the efforts by volunteer associations,
25 private businesses, political subdivisions of the State,

1 and the State of Iowa, the cultural and historical re-
2 sources of the area have not realized full potential
3 and may be lost without some assistance from the
4 Federal Government.

5 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

6 (1) to interpret, retain, enhance, and promote
7 the unique and significant contributions to national
8 and international agriculture of certain natural, his-
9 toric, and cultural resources within Waterloo, Iowa,
10 and northeast Iowa;

11 (2) to provide a partnership management
12 framework to assist volunteer associations, private
13 businesses, political subdivisions of the State, and
14 the State of Iowa in developing and implementing
15 Management Plan policies and programs that will
16 assist in the interpretation, retention, enhancement,
17 and promotion of the cultural, natural, and rec-
18 reational resources of northeast Iowa;

19 (3) to allow for local, State, and Federal con-
20 tributions through limited grants and technical as-
21 sistance to create America's Agricultural Heritage
22 Partnership through cooperative agreements among
23 volunteer associations, private businesses, political
24 subdivisions of the State, the State of Iowa, and
25 residents of the area; and

1 (4) to provide for an economically self-sustain-
2 ing Partnership for the educational and inspirational
3 benefit of current and future generations concerning
4 the story of American agriculture.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 As used in this Act:

7 (1) PARTNERSHIP.—The term “Partnership”
8 means the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partner-
9 ship as established by section 3(a).

10 (2) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term “man-
11 agement entity” means the management entity as
12 established by section 4(a).

13 (3) POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.—The term “politi-
14 cal subdivision” means a political subdivision of the
15 State of Iowa, any part of which is located in or ad-
16 jacent to the area in which the Partnership’s Activi-
17 ties occur, including a county, city, or town.

18 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
19 of Iowa.

20 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of Agriculture.

22 (6) PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The
23 term “Partnership Management Plan” means the
24 plan as established in section 5(a).

1 (7) ACTIVITIES.—The term “activities” means
2 the activities limited in section 3(b).

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICA’S AGRICUL-**
4 **TURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—To carry out this Act, there
6 is established in the State of Iowa the America’s Agricul-
7 tural Heritage Partnership upon publication by the Sec-
8 retary in the Federal Register of notice that a Partnership
9 Management Plan has been approved by the Secretary.

10 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Partnership’s activities shall
11 be limited to the counties of northeast Iowa that are gen-
12 erally depicted in “Alternatives #2 and #3” described in
13 the 1995 National Park Service “Special Resource Study,
14 Cedar Valley, Iowa.”.

15 (c) PARTICIPATION.—Nothing in this Act shall re-
16 quire any resident located in the area in which the Part-
17 nership’s activities occur to participate in or be associated
18 with the Partnership or the Partnership’s activities.

19 (d) AFFILIATIONS.—Nothing in this Act shall pro-
20 hibit future affiliations or designations of the Partnership
21 or Partnership Management Entity.

22 (e) GRANTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND COOPER-
23 ATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

24 (1) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

25 The Secretary may make grants and provide tech-

1 nical assistance to America's Agricultural Heritage
2 Partnership to assist it in carrying out its purposes.

3 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
4 retary is authorized to enter into cooperative agree-
5 ments with private entities, the State of Iowa, or
6 any political subdivision thereof, and other Federal
7 entities, to further the purposes of this Act, the
8 Partnership, or the Partnership Management Entity.

9 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICA'S AGRICUL-**
10 **TURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP MANAGE-**
11 **MENT ENTITY.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a man-
13 agement entity for the Partnership based on the “Manage-
14 ment Option #5” outlined in the 1995 National Park
15 Service “Special Resource Study, Cedar Valley, Iowa” and
16 subject to the approval of the Secretary.

17 (b) PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Part-
18 nership management entity shall be established in the
19 Partnership Management Plan as established in section
20 5(a).

21 (c) COMPOSITION.—The membership of the manage-
22 ment entity may include persons affiliated with the follow-
23 ing entities: the American Association of Museums, Amer-
24 ican Farm Bureau, American Farmland Trust, Effigy
25 Mounds National Monument and Herbert Hoover Na-

1 tional Historic Site, Iowa Department of Agriculture and
2 Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Corrections, Iowa
3 Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Department of Eco-
4 nomic Development, National Trust for Historic Preserva-
5 tion, Smithsonian Institution, the State Historic Preserva-
6 tion Office of the State of Iowa, United States Depart-
7 ment of Agriculture, United States Department of Trans-
8 portation and the America's Agricultural/Industrial Herit-
9 age Landscape, Inc.

10 **SEC. 5. PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

11 (a) PREPARATION OF PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT
12 PLAN.—A Partnership Management Plan shall be submit-
13 ted to the Secretary for approval no later than one year
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (b) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide tech-
16 nical assistance in the preparation of the Partnership
17 Management Plan.

18 **SEC. 6. LAND USE REGULATION AND PRIVATE PROPERTY**

19 **PROTECTION.**

20 (a) REGULATION.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
21 strued to modify, enlarge, or diminish any authority of
22 Federal, State, and local governments to regulate any use
23 of privately owned land than that provided by current law
24 or regulation.

1 (b) LAND USE.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
2 strued to grant the powers of zoning, land use or con-
3 demnation to the Partnership Management Entity, the
4 Secretary or any other Federal, State, or local government
5 entity.

6 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
8 priated not more than \$400,000 annually for grants and
9 technical assistance under sections 3(e)(1) and 5(b).

10 (b) PERCENT OF COST.—Federal funding under sec-
11 tions 3(e)(1) and 5(b) shall not exceed 50 percent of the
12 total cost of the grant or technical assistance provided
13 under such section.

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