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H. R. 1103

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop, maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2011

Mr. SABLON 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. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK ANNEX IN TINIAN.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
5 “American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) In 2001 the National Park Service con-
2 ducted a suitability and feasibility study of North
3 Field on the island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the
4 Northern Mariana Islands, for inclusion in the Na-
5 tional Park System.

6 (2) North Field Tinian is listed on the National
7 Register of Historic Places as an historic district
8 and has been designated a national historic land-
9 mark.

10 (3) The Department of Defense holds a 50-year
11 lease over North Field Tinian.

12 (4) The National Park Service determined that
13 North Field Tinian was suitable for inclusion as
14 “one of the most significant World War II sites in
15 the Pacific” because atomic bombs were flown to
16 Hiroshima and Nagasaki from this site.

17 (5) The National Park Service determined,
18 however, that it was not feasible to include North
19 Field Tinian as a unit of the National Park System
20 because of the “military’s future long term needs”.

21 (6) American Memorial Park on the island of
22 Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
23 lands, is managed by the National Park Service, as
24 authorized under Public Law 94–241 and Public

1 Law 95–348, to commemorate the World War II
2 Marianas Campaign.

3 (7) A Tinian Annex to the American Memorial
4 Park could provide the opportunity for on and off
5 site interpretation of North Field without conflicting
6 with military needs.

7 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior,
8 acting through the National Park Service, shall develop,
9 maintain, and administer an annex in Tinian, Common-
10 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension
11 of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan, on an
12 appropriate parcel of Tinian Public Land to be agreed
13 upon by the National Park Service and the Governor of
14 the Northern Mariana Islands in consultation with the
15 Mayor of Tinian. The annex shall be used to—

16 (1) interpret the important aspects of North
17 Field by highlighting the historic events related to
18 the World War II Marianas Campaign; and

19 (2) serve as a curatorial storage of World War
20 II artifacts.

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