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To redesignate General Grant National Memorial as Grant's Tomb National Memorial, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. FISH, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. LEVY) 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 "Grant's Tomb National
5 Memorial Act of 1994".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

1 (1) Ulysses S. Grant has been heralded as a na-
2 tional hero by his contemporaries and by generations
3 thereafter;

4 (2) Ulysses S. Grant led the Union army to vic-
5 tory, bringing to an end the Civil War in 1865, as-
6 suring the preservation of the United States of
7 America, and resulting in the emancipation of Amer-
8 ican slaves;

9 (3) Ulysses S. Grant served as the 18th Presi-
10 dent of the United States from 1869 through 1877;

11 (4) Ulysses S. Grant demonstrated his commit-
12 ment to maintaining the rights of freed slaves by
13 executing his authority as Commander in Chief to
14 command Federal troops to protect the rights and
15 freedoms of former slaves; and

16 (5) Ulysses S. Grant demonstrated his commit-
17 ment to rebuilding the Nation and restoring unity
18 among the American people.

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

20 (1) to pay tribute to Ulysses S. Grant;

21 (2) to restore, complete, and preserve in per-
22 petuity the Grant's Tomb National Memorial and
23 surrounding areas which are of National historical
24 significance in a manner consistent with the existing

1 architectural, historical, and educational value of the
2 memorial's original design and purpose; and

3 (3) to educate present and future generations
4 about the life of Ulysses S. Grant and his contribu-
5 tions to the United States.

6 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF MEMORIAL AND ADMINISTRA-**
7 **TION OF GRANT'S TOMB NATIONAL MEMO-**
8 **RIAL.**

9 (a) REDESIGNATION.—General Grant National Me-
10 morial, located at Riverside Drive and West One Hundred
11 and Twenty-Second Street in New York, New York, is
12 hereby redesignated as Grant's Tomb National Memorial
13 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "memorial").

14 (b) AREA INCLUDED.—The memorial shall consist of
15 the tomb of Ulysses S. Grant and the surrounding plaza
16 area, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Grant's
17 Tomb National Memorial" and dated April 27, 1994. The
18 map shall be on file and available for public inspection
19 in the offices of the National Park Service, Department
20 of the Interior.

21 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
22 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall
23 administer, promote, preserve, restore, repair, and main-
24 tain the memorial in accordance with this Act and with
25 the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the

1 National Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act
2 to establish a National Park Service, and for other pur-
3 poses”, approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16
4 U.S.C. 1, 2, 3, and 4).

5 (d) VISITORS CENTER.—(1) The Secretary shall de-
6 sign and construct a visitors center (including public rest-
7 rooms) at the memorial to aid in the interpretation and
8 maintain the historical significance of the memorial.

9 (2) The visitors center shall—

10 (A) be established in consultation with the
11 study commission established under section 5; and

12 (B) be designed in a manner which is consistent
13 with the existing architectural and historical intent
14 of the site and which does not detract from the his-
15 torical interpretation and the scenic views of the me-
16 morial and the existing park area.

17 **SEC. 4. LAND ACQUISITION; LEASE OR COOPERATIVE MAN-**
18 **AGEMENT AGREEMENT.**

19 (a) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary shall acquire from
20 the city of New York non-Federal lands located within the
21 boundaries of the memorial as depicted on the map re-
22 ferred to in section 3(b) by donation, purchase with do-
23 nated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

24 (b) LEASE OR COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREE-
25 MENT.—The Secretary may lease non-Federal lands lo-

1 cated within the boundary of the memorial or enter into
2 a cooperative agreement for the management of such lands
3 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. STUDY COMMISSION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish a study commission of seven persons within 60 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act which shall be com-
8 posed of the president and at least three members of the
9 executive committee of the Grant Monument Association,
10 representatives of the community surrounding the memo-
11 rial, and citizens with a unique knowledge or expertise re-
12 lating to the memorial. No officer or employee of the Fed-
13 eral, State, or local government is eligible for membership
14 on the study commission.

15 (2) Members of the study commission shall serve
16 without pay.

17 (3) The members of the study commission shall des-
18 ignate a chair of the study commission.

19 (4) Upon request of the study commission, the Sec-
20 retary shall furnish on a reimbursable basis such adminis-
21 trative support services (including staff, supplies, and fa-
22 cilities) as necessary for the study commission to carry
23 out its responsibilities under this Act.

24 (b) DUTIES.—The study commission shall review se-
25 curity and maintenance at the memorial, as well as plan

1 for interpretive programs and for the complete restoration
2 of the memorial, and within 180 days after the date of
3 their first meeting, submit a written report regarding their
4 study to the Secretary. The report shall include proposed
5 measures to improve security, maintenance, and interpre-
6 tive programs, including such improvements as may be re-
7 quired to be carried out by April 27, 1997, which shall
8 be based on the original plans of the architect of the tomb,
9 John H. Duncan, and the plans of architect John Russell
10 Pope, approved in 1928 by the Grant Monument Associa-
11 tion. The report shall also include an estimate of the cap-
12 ital costs and general operating costs of implementing
13 these proposed measures. Following the submission of the
14 report to the Secretary, the study commission shall mon-
15 itor the progress of the repairs being made to the Tomb,
16 and shall, until the study commission's termination as pro-
17 vided herein, submit reports to the Secretary and the Con-
18 gress on the progress of such repairs as the commission
19 deems necessary.

20 (c) FINAL PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the
21 date on which the report is submitted to the Secretary
22 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall review and evalu-
23 ate the report and submit to the Congress a final plan
24 for the projects at the memorial to be fully completed by
25 April 27, 1997. Unless the Secretary reports to the Con-

1 gress that specific aspects of the study commission's re-
2 port are unreasonable; inconsistent with the existing archi-
3 tectural, historical, and educational intent of the site; de-
4 tract from, distort, or otherwise compromise the historical
5 interpretation or scenic views of the memorial; or conflict
6 with the purpose of this Act as described in section 2(b),
7 such final plan shall be entirely consistent with the study
8 commission's report. The final plan shall contain designs
9 for the site which are consistent with the existing architec-
10 tural and historical intent of the site and do not detract
11 from or distort the historical interpretation or scenic views
12 of the memorial and the existing park area.

13 (d) MEETINGS.—All meetings of the study commis-
14 sion shall be open to the public. Interested persons may
15 attend such meetings, appear before the study commis-
16 sions, or file statements related to the purposes of this
17 Act with the study commission.

18 (e) TERMINATION; FACA.—(1) The study commis-
19 sion shall terminate no later than three years after the
20 date that it is established.

21 (2) The provisions of the Federal Advisory Commit-
22 tee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix; 86 Stat. 776), do not apply
23 to the study commission.

1 **SEC. 6. HONOR GUARD.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior in coordination with the
3 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Secretary of the
4 Army, shall provide no less than three military guards who
5 shall protect the memorial and the site on a twenty-four
6 hour basis every day in perpetuity, beginning no later than
7 the start of implementation of the final plan referred to
8 in section 5(c).

9 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
11 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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