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Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Corinth, Mississippi,
5 Battlefield Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the 14 sites located in the vicinity of Cor-
4 inth, Mississippi, that were designated as a National
5 Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior
6 in 1991 represent nationally significant events in the
7 Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;
8 and

9 (2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and
10 interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and edu-
11 cation of the people of the United States.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
13 vide for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and
14 Battle of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region
15 and to enhance public understanding of the significance
16 of the Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the
17 Western theater of operations, in cooperation with State
18 or local governmental entities and private organizations
19 and individuals.

20 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT CORINTH, MIS-**
21 **SISSIPPI.**

22 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
23 ~~ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”~~) shall acquire by
24 ~~donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,~~
25 ~~or exchange, such lands and interests in lands in the vicin-~~
26 ~~ity of the Corinth Battlefield, in the State of Mississippi,~~

1 as the Secretary determines to be necessary for the con-
 2 struction of an interpretive center to commemorate and
 3 ~~interpret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth.~~

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of the Interior (here-*
 5 *inafter referred to as the “Secretary”)* is authorized to ac-
 6 *quire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated*
 7 *funds, or exchange, such lands or interests therein in the*
 8 *vicinity of the Corinth battlefield in the State of Mis-*
 9 *sissippi, as the Secretary determines necessary for the con-*
 10 *struction of an interpretive center to commemorate and in-*
 11 *terpret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth:*
 12 *Provided, That such lands or interests therein shall only*
 13 *be acquired with the consent of the owner thereof.*

14 (b) **PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS.**—Lands and interests
 15 in lands owned by the State of Mississippi or a political
 16 subdivision of the State of Mississippi may be acquired
 17 only by donation.

18 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MARKING.**

19 (a) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—

20 (1) **CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.**—The Sec-
 21 retary shall construct, operate, and maintain on the
 22 property acquired under section 3 a center for the
 23 interpretation of the Siege and Battle of Corinth
 24 and associated historical events for the benefit of the
 25 public.

1 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The center shall contain
2 approximately 5,300 square feet, and include inter-
3 pretive exhibits, an auditorium, a parking area, and
4 other features appropriate to public appreciation and
5 understanding of the site.

6 (a) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Secretary is au-
7 thorized to construct, operate, and maintain on the prop-
8 erty acquired under section 3 a center for the interpretation
9 of the Siege and Battle of Corinth and associated historical
10 events. The center shall include interpretive exhibits and
11 such other features as may be necessary for public apprecia-
12 tion and understanding of the Siege and Battle of Corinth.

13 (b) MARKING.—The Secretary may mark sites associ-
14 ated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth National His-
15 toric Landmark, as designated on May 6, 1991, if such
16 sites are determined by the Secretary to be protected by
17 State or local governmental agencies.

18 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The lands and interests in
19 lands acquired, and the facilities constructed and main-
20 tained pursuant to this Act shall be administered by the
21 Secretary as a part of Shiloh National Military Park,
22 subject to the appropriate laws and regulations applicable
23 to the park, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535,
24 chapter 408; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August

1 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, chapter 593; 16 U.S.C. 461 et
2 seq.).

3 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there
5 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
6 essary to carry out this Act.

7 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Of the amounts made available
8 to carry out this Act, not more than \$6,000,000 may be
9 used to carry out section 4(a).