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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Martin Luther King,
3 Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Public Law 96–438 established the Martin
7 Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site, and al-
8 lows acquisition, by donation only, of lands owned by
9 the State.

10 (2) The National Park Service owns a vacant
11 lot that has no historic significance. The City of At-
12 lanta has expressed interest in acquiring this prop-
13 erty to encourage commercial development along
14 Edgewood Avenue.

15 (3) The National Historic Site Visitor Center
16 and Museum is land-locked and has no emergency
17 ingress or egress, making it virtually impossible for
18 firefighting equipment to reach.

19 (4) The acquisition of city-owned property
20 would enable the National Park Service to establish
21 easy street access to the National Historic Site Vis-
22 itor Center and Museum, and would benefit the City
23 by exchanging a piece of property that the City
24 could develop.

25 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
26 ize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther

1 King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by
2 the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

3 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

4 Section 2(b)(1) of the Act of October 10, 1980 (Pub-
5 lic Law 96–428; 94 Stat. 1839; 16 U.S.C. 461 note) is
6 amended by striking the period and inserting “or ex-
7 change.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.