

ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ESTABLISHMENT ACT
OF 2000

JULY 11, 2000.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4063]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4063) to establish the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment Act of 2000”.

SEC. 2. ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—In order to preserve for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States as a national historical park certain sites, structures, and areas located in Richmond, California, that are associated with the industrial, governmental, and citizen efforts that led to victory in World War II, there is established the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park (in this Act referred to as the “park”).

(b) **AREAS INCLUDED.**—The boundaries of the park shall be those generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed Boundary Map, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park” numbered 963/80000 and dated May 2000. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall administer the park in accordance with this Act and the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes,” approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 through 4), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461–467).

(2) SPECIFIC AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary may interpret the story of Rosie the Riveter and the World War II home front, conduct and maintain oral histories that relate to the World War II home front theme, and provide technical assistance in the preservation of historic properties that support this story.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

(1) GENERAL AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the owners of the World War II Child Development Centers, the World War II worker housing, the Kaiser-Permanente Field Hospital, and Fire Station 67A, pursuant to which the Secretary may mark, interpret, improve, restore, and provide technical assistance with respect to the preservation and interpretation of such properties. Such agreements shall contain, but need not be limited to, provisions under which the Secretary shall have the right of access at reasonable times to public portions of the property for interpretive and other purposes, and that no changes or alterations shall be made in the property except by mutual agreement.

(2) LIMITED AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with interested persons for interpretation and technical assistance with the preservation of—

- (A) the Ford Assembly Building;
- (B) the intact dry docks/basin docks and five historic structures at Richmond Shipyard #3;
- (C) the Shimada Peace Memorial Park;
- (D) Westshore Park;
- (E) the Rosie the Riveter Memorial;
- (F) Sheridan Observation Point Park;
- (G) the Bay Trail/Esplanade;
- (H) Vincent Park; and
- (I) the vessel S.S. RED OAK VICTORY, and Whirley Cranes associated with shipbuilding in Richmond.

(c) EDUCATION CENTER.—The Secretary may establish a World War II Home Front Education Center in the Ford Assembly Building. Such center shall include a program that allows for distance learning and linkages to other representative sites across the country, for the purpose of educating the public as to the significance of the site and the World War II Home Front.

(d) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

(1) NON-FEDERAL MATCHING.—(A) As a condition of expending any funds appropriated to the Secretary for the purposes of the cooperative agreements under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall require that such expenditure must be matched by expenditure of an equal amount of funds, goods, services, or in-kind contributions provided by non-Federal sources.

(B) With the approval of the Secretary, any donation of property, services, or goods from a non-Federal source may be considered as a contribution of funds from a non-Federal source for purposes of this paragraph.

(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—Any payment made by the Secretary pursuant to a cooperative agreement under this section shall be subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the purposes of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall entitle the United States to reimbursement of the greater of—

- (A) all funds paid by the Secretary to such project; or
- (B) the proportion of the increased value of the project attributable to such payments, determined at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal.

(e) ACQUISITION.—

(1) FORD ASSEMBLY BUILDING.—The Secretary may acquire a leasehold interest in the Ford Assembly Building for the purposes of operating a World War II Home Front Education Center.

(2) OTHER FACILITIES.—The Secretary may acquire, from willing sellers, lands or interests in the World War II day care centers, the World War II worker housing, the Kaiser-Permanente Field Hospital, and Fire Station 67A, through donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from any other Federal Agency, or exchange.

(3) ARTIFACTS.—The Secretary may acquire and provide for the curation of historic artifacts that relate to the park.

(f) DONATIONS.—The Secretary may accept and use donations of funds, property, and services to carry out this Act.

(g) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 complete fiscal years after the date funds are made available, the Secretary shall prepare, in consultation with the city of Richmond, California, and transmit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a general management plan for the park in accordance with the provisions of section 12(b) of the Act of August 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)), popularly known as the National Park System General Authorities Act, and other applicable law.

(2) PRESERVATION OF SETTING.—The general management plan shall include a plan to preserve the historic setting of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, which shall be jointly developed and approved by the city of Richmond.

(3) ADDITIONAL SITES.—The general management plan shall include a determination of whether there are additional representative sites in Richmond that should be added to the park or sites in the rest of the United States that relate to the industrial, governmental, and citizen efforts during World War II that should be linked to and interpreted at the park. Such determination shall consider any information or findings developed in the National Park Service study of the World War II Home Front under section 4.

SEC. 4. WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT STUDY.

The Secretary shall conduct a theme study of the World War II home front to determine whether other sites in the United States meet the criteria for potential inclusion in the National Park System in accordance with Section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) ORAL HISTORIES, PRESERVATION, AND VISITOR SERVICES.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to conduct oral histories and to carry out the preservation, interpretation, education, and other essential visitor services provided for by this Act.

(2) ARTIFACTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for the acquisition and curation of historical artifacts related to the park.

(b) PROPERTY ACQUISITION.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to acquire the properties listed in section 3(e)(2).

(c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR S.S. RED OAK VICTORY.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this section may be used for the operation, maintenance, or preservation of the vessel S.S. RED OAK VICTORY.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill to establish the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4063 is to establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 4063 establishes the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California. The historical park would commemorate the industrial, governmental, and citizen efforts that eventually led the United States to victory in World War II. This historical park would include sites, structures, and areas of Richmond, California, that are associated with the home front efforts. The historical park would be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a unit of the National Park System. The bill also allows the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements for the acquisition and curation of historic artifacts and materials related to the park, along with providing for the preserva-

tion and interpretation of the park and sites selected by the Secretary as representative of the World War II Home Front. H.R. 4063 stipulates that any federal funds used for the cooperative agreements must be matched by an equal amount of funds from non-federal sources. Donations and in-kind services may be considered as contributing to the non-federal amount. In addition, H.R. 4063 authorizes the Secretary to establish a World War II Home Front Education Center in the Ford Assembly Building. This center would serve to educate the public of the significance of the site and the World War II Home Front.

H.R. 4063 provides that the Secretary develop a general management plan for the park within three years from enactment. The plan will include a determination of whether there are additional sites that should be linked to and interpreted at the park. The bill authorizes such sums as necessary to carry out the bill, except no funds would be authorized to maintain or operate the vessel SS RED OAK VICTORY.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4063 was introduced by Congressman George Miller (D-CA) on March 22, 2000. The bill was referred to the Resources Committee and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. The Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill on May 16, 2000. On June 20, 2000, the Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration of the measure by unanimous consent. Congressman Miller offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute containing technical changes and clarifications. The amendment was adopted by voice vote. The bill, as amended, was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. The Committee believes that enactment of this bill will have an insignificant impact on the budget of the federal government.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. Government Reform Oversight Findings. Under clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local, or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.