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To establish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. LOFGREN) 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 “César E. Chávez and
5 the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The César E. Chávez National Monument
2 was established by Presidential Proclamation 8884
3 on October 8, 2012, for the purposes of protecting
4 and interpreting the nationally significant resources
5 associated with the property in Keene, California,
6 known as “Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz”.

7 (2) Nuestra Senora Reina de la Paz—

8 (A) served as the national headquarters of
9 the United Farm Workers; and

10 (B) was the home and workplace of César
11 E. Chávez, the family of César E. Chávez,
12 union members, and supporters of César E.
13 Chávez.

14 (3) While the César E. Chávez National Monu-
15 ment marks the extraordinary achievements and
16 contributions to the history of the United States by
17 César Chávez and the farmworker movement, there
18 are other significant sites in the States that are im-
19 portant to the story of the farmworker movement.

20 (4) In the study conducted by the National
21 Park Service entitled “César Chávez Special Re-
22 source Study and Environmental Assessment” and
23 submitted to Congress on October 24, 2013, the Na-
24 tional Park Service—

1 (A)(i) found that several sites associated
2 with César E. Chávez and the farmworker
3 movement—

4 (I) are suitable for inclusion in the
5 National Park System; and

6 (II) depict a distinct and important
7 aspect of the history of the United States
8 not otherwise adequately represented at ex-
9 isting units of the National Park System;
10 and

11 (ii) recommended that Congress establish a
12 national historical park to honor the role that
13 César E. Chávez played in lifting up the lives
14 of farmworkers; and

15 (B)(i) found that the route of the 1966
16 march from Delano to Sacramento, Cali-
17 fornia—

18 (I) is eligible for National Historic
19 Landmark status; and

20 (II) meets the criteria for designation
21 as a national historic trail; and

22 (ii) recommended that the National Park
23 Service work with partner organizations and
24 agencies to provide for interpretation programs

1 along the route of the 1966 march from Delano
2 to Sacramento, California.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
4 lish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement
5 National Historical Park—

6 (1) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the
7 nationally significant resources associated with
8 César Chávez and the farmworker movement;

9 (2) to interpret and provide for a broader un-
10 derstanding of the extraordinary achievements and
11 contributions to the history of the United States
12 made by César Chávez and the farmworker move-
13 ment; and

14 (3) to support and enhance the network of sites
15 and resources associated with César Chávez and the
16 farmworker movement.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
20 park” means the César E. Chávez and the Farm-
21 worker Movement National Historical Park estab-
22 lished by section 4(a).

23 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
24 titled, “César Chávez National Historical Park Pro-

1 posed Boundary”, numbered 502/179857, and dated
2 March 2022.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (4) STATES.—The term “States” means—

6 (A) the State of California; and

7 (B) the State of Arizona.

8 **SEC. 4. CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ AND THE FARMWORKER MOVE-**
9 **MENT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
11 States a unit of the National Park System to be known
12 as the “César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement
13 National Historical Park”.

14 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the historical park
15 shall include the following areas, as generally depicted on
16 the map:

17 (1) The Forty Acres in Delano, California.

18 (2) César E. Chávez National Monument, in-
19 cluding Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, in Keene,
20 California.

21 (3) Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

22 (c) ADDITIONAL SITE.—On written agreement by the
23 Secretary and the owner of the property indicating sup-
24 port for the inclusion, the Secretary may include within

1 the boundary of the historical park McDonnell Hall in San
2 Jose, California, as generally depicted on the map.

3 (d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be avail-
4 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
5 National Park Service.

6 (e) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire
7 land and interests in land that are within the boundary
8 of the historical park by donation, purchase with donated
9 or appropriated funds, or exchange.

10 (f) CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ NATIONAL MONUMENT.—Not-
11 withstanding the inclusion of the César E. Chávez Na-
12 tional Monument within the boundaries of the historical
13 park, the César E. Chávez National Monument shall con-
14 tinue to be administered as a distinct and identifiable unit
15 of the National Park System in accordance with Presi-
16 dential Proclamation 8884 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note).

17 (g) ADMINISTRATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
19 ister the historical park in accordance with—

20 (A) this section; and

21 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
22 of the National Park System, including—

23 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
24 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,

1 and 102101 of title 54, United States
2 Code; and

3 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
4 States Code.

5 (2) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may pro-
6 vide technical assistance and public interpretation of
7 historic sites, museums, and resources on land not
8 administered by the Secretary relating to the life of
9 César E. Chávez and the history of the farmworker
10 movement.

11 (3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
12 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with
13 the States, local governments, public and private or-
14 ganizations, and individuals to provide for the pres-
15 ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the
16 historical park.

17 (h) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
19 the date on which funds are made available to carry
20 out this section, the Secretary shall prepare a gen-
21 eral management plan for the historical park in ac-
22 cordance with section 100502 of title 54, United
23 States Code.

24 (2) ADDITIONAL SITES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The general manage-
2 ment plan shall include a determination of
3 whether there are—

4 (i) sites located in the Coachella Val-
5 ley in the State of California that were re-
6 viewed in the Study that should be added
7 to the historical park;

8 (ii) additional representative sites in
9 the States that were reviewed in the Study
10 that should be added to the historical park;

11 or

12 (iii) sites outside of the States in the
13 United States that relate to the farm-
14 worker movement that should be linked to,
15 and interpreted at, the historical park.

16 (B) INCLUSION.—On a determination by
17 the Secretary under subparagraph (A) that an
18 additional site is appropriate for inclusion in
19 the historical park, the Secretary may, with the
20 consent of the owner of the applicable site, in-
21 corporate the applicable site into the historical
22 park by publishing notice in the Federal Reg-
23 ister of the inclusion of the site in the historical
24 park.

1 (3) CONSULTATION.—The general management
2 plan under paragraph (1) shall be prepared in con-
3 sultation with—

4 (A) any owner of land that is included
5 within the boundaries of the historical park;
6 and

7 (B) appropriate Federal, State, and Tribal
8 agencies, public and private organizations, and
9 individuals, including—

10 (i) the National Chávez Center; and

11 (ii) the César Chávez Foundation.

12 **SEC. 5. FARMWORKER PEREGRINACIÓN NATIONAL HISTOR-**
13 **ICAL TRAIL.**

14 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
15 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(31) FARMWORKER PEREGRINACIÓN NA-
18 TIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Farmworker
20 Peregrinación National Historic Trail (referred
21 to in this paragraph as the ‘trail’), a route of
22 approximately 300 miles taken by farmworkers
23 between Delano and Sacramento, California, in
24 1966, as generally depicted as ‘Alternative C’ in
25 the study conducted by the National Park Serv-

1 ice entitled ‘César Chávez Special Resource
2 Study and Environmental Assessment’ and sub-
3 mitted to Congress on October 24, 2013.

4 “(B) MAP.—A map describing the trail
5 shall be on file and available for public inspec-
6 tion in the appropriate offices of the National
7 Park Service.

8 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail shall be
9 administered by the Secretary of the Interior,
10 in consultation with—

11 “(i) other Federal, State, Tribal, re-
12 gional, and local agencies; and

13 “(ii) the private sector.

14 “(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United
15 States shall not acquire for the trail any land
16 or interest in land outside the exterior boundary
17 of any federally managed area without the con-
18 sent of the owner of the land or interest in
19 land.

20 “(E) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The
21 Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooper-
22 ative agreements with interested entities to pro-
23 vide for the preservation, development, interpre-
24 tation, and use of the trail.”.

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