

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 103

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, President Calvin Coolidge designated the Craters of the Moon
9 National Monument in 1924 with the intent to eventually make it a national
10 park, yet Idaho remains the only western state without a national park; and

11 WHEREAS, Craters of the Moon is the largest young basaltic lava field in
12 the continental United States and has a stunning array of volcanism; and

13 WHEREAS, Craters of the Moon is an outstanding outdoor classroom that
14 attracts thousands of students every year; and

15 WHEREAS, Craters of the Moon National Monument contains the first
16 wilderness lands managed by the National Park Service and therefore has his-
17 torical significance to the National Park System; and

18 WHEREAS, redesignating Craters of the Moon National Monument as a na-
19 tional park would greatly increase the number of visitors to Craters of the
20 Moon, thereby greatly enhancing the economic development of Butte County,
21 Blaine County and all surrounding areas; and

22 WHEREAS, legislation to change the 54,000 acres of Craters of the Moon
23 National Monument, as it existed prior to November 9, 2000, into a national
24 park would not affect land use as allowed by the Bureau of Land Management and
25 the National Park Service, such as hunting, grazing and any other multiple
26 land use; and

27 WHEREAS, redesignating Craters of the Moon National Monument as a na-
28 tional park would not affect the park's boundaries, funding, management or
29 park fees.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
31 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
32 resentatives concurring therein, that Congress should pass legislation re-
33 designating Craters of the Moon National Monument as Craters of the Moon Na-
34 tional Park for the betterment of the park, the surrounding communities and
35 the people of Idaho.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
37 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the
38 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
39 Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho
40 in the Congress of the United States.