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H. R. 2489

To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2011

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. WELCH) 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 “American Battlefield
5 Protection Program Amendments Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 AMERICAN**
2 **BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

3 Section 7301(c) of the Omnibus Public Land Man-
4 agement Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11) is amended
5 as follows:

6 (1) In paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
8 serting the following:

9 “(A) **BATTLEFIELD REPORT.**—The term
10 “battlefield report” means, collectively—

11 “(i) the report entitled ‘Report on the
12 Nation’s Civil War Battlefields’, prepared
13 by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commis-
14 sion, and dated July 1993; and

15 “(ii) the report entitled ‘Report to
16 Congress on the Historic Preservation of
17 Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites
18 in the United States’, prepared by the Na-
19 tional Park Service, and dated September
20 2007.”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
22 “Battlefield Report” and inserting “battlefield
23 report”.

24 (2) In paragraph (2), by inserting “eligible sites
25 or” after “acquiring”.

1 (3) In paragraph (3), by inserting “an eligible
2 site or” after “acquire”.

3 (4) In paragraph (4), by inserting “an eligible
4 site or” after “acquiring”.

5 (5) In paragraph (5), by striking “An” and in-
6 serting “An eligible site or an”.

7 (6) By redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
8 graph (8).

9 (7) By inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraphs:

11 “(6) WILLING SELLERS.—Acquisition of land
12 or interests in land under this subsection shall be
13 from willing sellers only.

14 “(7) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the
15 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
16 retary shall submit to Congress a report on the ac-
17 tivities carried out under this subsection, including
18 a description of—

19 “(A) preservation activities carried out at
20 the battlefields and associated sites identified in
21 the battlefield report during the period between
22 publication of the battlefield report and the re-
23 port required under this paragraph;

1 “(B) changes in the condition of the bat-
2 tlefields and associated sites during that period;
3 and

4 “(C) any other relevant developments re-
5 lating to the battlefields and associated sites
6 during that period.”.

7 (8) By striking paragraph (8) (as redesignated
8 by paragraph (6)) and inserting the following:

9 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
10 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
11 retary to provide grants under this subsection for
12 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2022—

13 “(A) \$10,000,000 for the protection of
14 Civil War battlefields; and

15 “(B) \$10,000,000 for the protection of
16 Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battle-
17 fields.”.

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