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H. R. 2865

To establish the 9/11 Memorial Cross located at the National 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York as a national monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Mr. GRIMM (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. RANGEL) 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 “9/11 Memorial Cross
5 National Monument Establishment Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the 9/11 Memorial Cross is located at the
9 National 9/11 Memorial Museum at the intersection

1 of Albany and Greenwich Streets at 1 Albany Street,
2 New York, NY 10006;

3 (2) after the terrorist attacks of September 11,
4 2001, on New York City, a massive operation was
5 launched to clear the site and attempt to find any
6 survivors amongst the rubble;

7 (3) when One World Trade Center collapsed, it
8 sent debris down onto 6 World Trade Center, and
9 gutted the interior of the building. In the midst of
10 the debris was this intact cross beam, which its dis-
11 coverer believes came from One World Trade Center;

12 (4) first encountered by construction worker
13 Frank Silecchia in the vicinity of where 6 World
14 Trade Center had stood, the 17-foot-tall cross be-
15 came an icon of hope and comfort throughout the
16 recovery effort in the wake of the September 11,
17 2001 attacks;

18 (5) after a few weeks an expedited approval
19 from the office of New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani
20 was granted to erect it on a pedestal on a portion
21 of the former plaza on Church Street near Liberty;

22 (6) the 9/11 Memorial Cross was moved by
23 crane on October 3, 2001, and installed on October
24 4, 2001, where it continued as a shrine and tourist
25 attraction;

1 (7) on July 23, 2011, the cross was transported
2 onto the World Trade Center site and lowered into
3 its permanent setting inside the Museum, which will
4 open to the public in 2012;

5 (8) the 9/11 Memorial Cross has received inter-
6 national attention; and

7 (9) Port Authority of New York and New Jer-
8 sey, the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation
9 and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, have been work-
10 ing together—

11 (A) to protect the site; and

12 (B) to develop further educational opportu-
13 nities using artifacts from the site itself to tell
14 the story of not only what happened on 9/11
15 but the 9-month recovery period that followed.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
19 New York, New York.

20 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-
21 ment plan” means the management plan for the
22 Monument prepared under section 5(c)(1).

23 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
24 titled “Proposed Boundary Waco-Mammoth Na-

1 tional Monument”, numbered T21/80,000, and
2 dated April 2009.

3 (4) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
4 means the 9/11 Memorial Cross, which is owned by
5 the Museum.

6 (5) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
7 National 9/11 Memorial Museum in the State.

8 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (7) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
11 of New York.

12 **SEC. 4. 9/11 MEMORIAL CROSS NATIONAL MONUMENT, NEW**
13 **YORK.**

14 The 9/11 Memorial Cross is hereby established as a
15 national monument.

16 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF MONUMENT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
18 the Monument in accordance with—

19 (1) this Act; and

20 (2) any cooperative agreements entered into
21 under subsection (b)(1).

22 (b) AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—

23 (1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
24 retary may enter into cooperative management
25 agreements with the Museum and the City, in ac-

1 cordance with section 3(l) of Public Law 91–383 (16
2 U.S.C. 1a–2(l)).

3 (2) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—The Secretary
4 may acquire by donation from the City any land or
5 interest in land owned by the City within the pro-
6 posed boundary of the Monument.

7 (c) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in
10 consultation with the Museum and the City, shall
11 complete a general management plan for the Monu-
12 ment.

13 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The management plan shall
14 include, at a minimum—

15 (A) measures for the preservation of the
16 resources of the Monument;

17 (B) requirements for the type and extent
18 of development and use of the Monument;

19 (C) identification of the capacity of the
20 Monument for accommodating visitors; and

21 (D) opportunities for involvement by the
22 Museum, City, State, and other local and na-
23 tional entities in—

24 (i) developing educational programs
25 for the Monument; and

1 (ii) developing and supporting the
2 Monument.

3 (d) PROHIBITION OF USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—No
4 Federal funds may be used to pay the costs of—

5 (1) carrying out a cooperative agreement under
6 subsection (b)(1);

7 (2) acquiring land for inclusion in the Monu-
8 ment under subsection (b)(2);

9 (3) developing a visitor center for the Monu-
10 ment;

11 (4) operating or maintaining the Monument;

12 (5) constructing exhibits for the Monument; or

13 (6) developing the general management plan
14 under subsection (c).

15 (e) USE OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—Non-Federal
16 funds may be used to pay any costs that may be incurred
17 by the Secretary or the National Park Service in carrying
18 out this section.

19 (f) EFFECT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSIST-
20 ANCE.—Nothing in this Act affects the eligibility of the
21 Monument for Federal grants or other forms of financial
22 assistance that the Monument would have been eligible to
23 apply for had National Park System status not been con-
24 ferred to the Monument under this Act.

1 (g) TERMINATION OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM STA-
2 TUS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Designation of the Monu-
4 ment as a unit of the National Park System shall
5 terminate if the Secretary determines that Federal
6 funds are required to operate and maintain the
7 Monument.

8 (2) REVERSION.—If the designation of the
9 Monument as a unit of the National Park System is
10 terminated under paragraph (1), any land acquired
11 by the Secretary from the City under subsection
12 (b)(2) shall revert to the City.

13 **SEC. 6. NO BUFFER ZONES.**

14 Nothing in this Act, the establishment of the Monu-
15 ment, or the management plan shall be construed to create
16 buffer zones outside of the Monument.

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