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S. 3490

To establish the Fort Ontario Holocaust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park, to designate the America’s National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2025

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SCHMITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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 “National Historical
5 Park and National Historic Landmark Establishment and
6 Boundary Adjustments Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF FORT ONTARIO HOLOCAUST**
2 **REFUGEE SHELTER NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
3 **PARK.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
6 titled “Fort Ontario Holocaust Refugee Shelter Na-
7 tional Historical Park Proposed Boundary”, num-
8 bered 962/194,681, and dated September 2024.

9 (2) NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.—The term
10 “National Historical Park” means the Fort Ontario
11 Holocaust Refugee Shelter National Historical Park
12 established by subsection (b)(1).

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

15 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
16 of New York.

17 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
19 there is established in the State as a unit of the Na-
20 tional Park System the Fort Ontario Holocaust Ref-
21 ugee Shelter National Historical Park.

22 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National
23 Historical Park is to preserve, protect, and interpret
24 for the benefit of present and future generations re-
25 sources associated with the stories of the 982 refu-
26 gees from World War II who were housed at Fort

1 Ontario from August of 1944 until February of
2 1946.

3 (3) CONDITIONS OF ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (A) DETERMINATION BY THE SEC-
5 RETARY.—The National Historical Park shall
6 not be established until the date on which the
7 Secretary determines that a sufficient quantity
8 of land or interests in land has been acquired
9 from land identified as “Proposed Boundary”
10 on the map to constitute a manageable park
11 unit.

12 (B) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days
13 after the date on which the Secretary makes a
14 determination under subparagraph (A), the
15 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register
16 notice of the establishment of the National His-
17 torical Park.

18 (4) MAP.—The map shall be on file and avail-
19 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices
20 of the National Park Service.

21 (5) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the National
22 Historical Park shall include any land or interests in
23 land acquired by the Secretary under this section.

24 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
2 ister the National Historical Park in accordance
3 with—

4 (A) this section; and

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

7 (i) sections 100101(a), 100751(a),
8 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54,
9 United States Code; and

10 (ii) chapters 1003 and 3201 of title
11 54, United States Code.

12 (2) AGREEMENTS.—

13 (A) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In ac-
14 cordance with section 101702 of title 54,
15 United States Code, the Secretary may enter
16 into cooperative agreements with the State or
17 other public and private entities to provide in-
18 terpretive and educational services within the
19 National Historical Park.

20 (B) INTERPRETATION AND RESTORATION
21 AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into
22 agreements to identify, interpret, and restore
23 nationally significant historic or cultural re-
24 sources located on non-Federal land within the

1 boundary of, or in close proximity to, the Na-
2 tional Historical Park.

3 (C) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Any cooperative
4 agreement entered into under subparagraph (B)
5 to provide assistance to non-Federal land shall
6 provide for reasonable public access to the non-
7 Federal land.

8 (3) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
10 graph (B), the Secretary may acquire land and
11 interests in land located within the boundary of
12 the National Historical Park by—

13 (i) donation;

14 (ii) purchase with donated or appro-
15 priated funds; or

16 (iii) exchange.

17 (B) LIMITATION.—Any land owned by the
18 State or a political subdivision of the State may
19 be acquired for inclusion in the National His-
20 torical Park only by donation.

21 (4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 fis-
22 cal years after the date on which funds are made
23 available to carry out this section, the Secretary, in
24 consultation with the State, shall complete a general

1 management plan for the National Historical Park
2 in accordance with—

3 (A) section 100502 of title 54, United
4 States Code; and

5 (B) any other applicable laws.

6 **SEC. 3. AMERICA'S NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM NA-**
7 **TIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
10 Fulton, Missouri.

11 (2) COLLEGE.—The term “College” means
12 Westminster College, located at 501 Westminster
13 Avenue in the City.

14 (3) LANDMARK.—The term “Landmark” means
15 the America’s National Churchill Museum National
16 Historic Landmark designated by subsection (b)(1).

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

19 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
20 of Missouri.

21 (b) DESIGNATION OF AMERICA’S NATIONAL
22 CHURCHILL MUSEUM NATIONAL HISTORIC LAND-
23 MARK.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—America’s National Church-
25 ill Museum located at the College, including the

1 Winston Churchill Memorial listed on the National
2 Register of Historic Places, is designated as the
3 “America’s National Churchill Museum National
4 Historic Landmark”.

5 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
7 sultation with the State, the City, and the Col-
8 lege, may enter into cooperative agreements
9 with appropriate public or private entities, for
10 the purposes of—

11 (i) protecting historic resources at the
12 Landmark; and

13 (ii) providing educational and inter-
14 pretive facilities and programs at the
15 Landmark for the public.

16 (B) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSIST-
17 ANCE.—The Secretary may provide technical
18 and financial assistance to any entity with
19 which the Secretary has entered into a coopera-
20 tive agreement under subparagraph (A).

21 (3) NO EFFECT ON ACTIONS OF PROPERTY
22 OWNERS.—Designation of the America’s National
23 Churchill Museum as a National Historic Landmark
24 shall not prohibit any actions that may otherwise be
25 taken by a property owner (including the College

1 and any other owner of the Landmark) with respect
2 to the property of the owner.

3 (4) NO EFFECT ON ADMINISTRATION.—Nothing
4 in this subsection affects the administration of the
5 Landmark by the State, the City, or the College.

6 (c) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
8 a special resource study of the Landmark.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
10 this subsection, the Secretary shall—

11 (A) evaluate the national significance of
12 the Landmark;

13 (B) determine the suitability and feasibility
14 of designating the Landmark as a unit of the
15 National Park System;

16 (C)(i) consider alternatives to that designa-
17 tion for the preservation, protection, and inter-
18 pretation of the Landmark by the Federal Gov-
19 ernment, the State, the City and other affected
20 units of local government, or private and non-
21 profit organizations (including the College); and

22 (ii) identify cost estimates for any Federal
23 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
24 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
25 ternatives described in clause (i); and

1 (D) consult with interested Federal agen-
2 cies, the State, the City and other affected
3 units of local government, private and nonprofit
4 entities (including the College), and other inter-
5 ested individuals.

6 (3) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall con-
7 duct the study under this subsection in accordance
8 with section 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

9 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
10 date on which funds are first made available to carry
11 out the study under this subsection, the Secretary
12 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
13 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
14 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
15 a report that describes—

16 (A) the results of the study; and

17 (B) any conclusions and recommendations
18 of the Secretary.

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