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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the  
Transcontinental Railroad Network.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to  
establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network.

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 “Golden Spike 150th  
5 Anniversary Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) ADJACENT LANDOWNER.—The term “adja-  
2           cent landowner” means the non-Federal owner of  
3           property that directly abuts the Park boundaries.

4           (2) HISTORICAL CROSSING.—The term “histori-  
5           cal crossing” means a corridor across historical rail-  
6           road rights-of-way within the Park—

7                   (A) that have been used by adjacent land-  
8                   owners in an open manner in the past 10 years  
9                   for vehicle, farm machinery or livestock travel;  
10                  or

11                   (B) where existing utility or pipelines have  
12                  been placed.

13           (3) NETWORK.—The term “Network” means  
14           the Transcontinental Railroad Network established  
15           under section 4.

16           (4) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Gold-  
17           en Spike National Historical Park designated under  
18           section 3.

19           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
20           the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
21           rector of the National Park Service.

22           (6) SUPERINTENDENT.—The term “Super-  
23           intendent” means the Superintendent of the Park.

24           (7) TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD.—The term  
25           “Transcontinental Railroad” means the approxi-

1 mately 1,912-mile continuous railroad constructed  
2 between 1863 and 1869 from Council Bluffs, Iowa,  
3 to San Francisco, California.

4 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION.**

5 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Golden Spike National  
6 Historic Site established under the Act of July 10, 1965  
7 (79 Stat. 426), shall be known and designated as the  
8 “Golden Spike National Historical Park”.

9 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
10 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
11 States to the Golden Spike National Historic Site shall  
12 be considered a reference to the “Golden Spike National  
13 Historical Park”.

14 (c) NETWORK.—The Park shall be part of the Net-  
15 work.

16 **SEC. 4. TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD NETWORK.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,  
18 within the National Park Service, a program to be known  
19 as the Transcontinental Railroad Network. The Network  
20 shall not include properties used in active freight railroad  
21 operations (or other ancillary purposes) or reasonably an-  
22 ticipated to be used for freight railroad operations in the  
23 future.

24 (b) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—In carrying out  
25 the Network, the Secretary shall—

1           (1) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-  
2           cation materials relating to the history, construction,  
3           and legacy of the Transcontinental Railroad, such as  
4           handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or electronic  
5           information;

6           (2) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-  
7           ments and memoranda of understanding to provide  
8           technical assistance under subsection (d); and

9           (3) create and adopt an official, uniform symbol  
10          or device for the Network and issue guidance for the  
11          use of such symbol or device.

12          (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the  
13          following elements:

14               (1) All units and programs of the National  
15               Park Service that are determined by the Secretary  
16               to relate to the history, construction, and legacy of  
17               the Transcontinental Railroad.

18               (2) With the consent of each person owning any  
19               legal interest in the property, other Federal, State,  
20               local, and privately-owned properties that—

21                       (A) have a verifiable connection to the his-  
22                       tory, construction, and legacy of the Trans-  
23                       continental Railroad and are included in, or de-  
24                       termined by the Secretary to be eligible for in-

1           clusion in, the National Register of Historic  
2           Places; or

3                   (B) are otherwise determined by the Sec-  
4           retary to be connected to the history, construc-  
5           tion, and legacy of the Transcontinental Rail-  
6           road.

7           (3) Other governmental and nongovernmental  
8           programs of an educational, research, or interpretive  
9           nature that are directly related to the history, con-  
10          struction, and legacy of the Transcontinental Rail-  
11          road.

12          (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA  
13          OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this  
14          section and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal  
15          and non-Federal elements of the Network described in  
16          subsection (c) with National Park System units and pro-  
17          grams of the National Park Service, the Secretary may  
18          enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of un-  
19          derstanding with, and provide technical assistance to, the  
20          heads of other Federal agencies, States, units of local gov-  
21          ernment, regional governmental bodies, and private enti-  
22          ties.

1 **SEC. 5. AGREEMENTS AFFECTING CERTAIN HISTORICAL**  
2 **CROSSINGS.**

3 (a) AGREEMENTS.—At the request of an adjacent  
4 landowner, the Superintendent shall enter into an agree-  
5 ment with the adjacent landowner regarding an existing  
6 historical crossing within the Park.

7 (b) TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—The agreement shall  
8 provide that—

9 (1) the adjacent landowner shall give notice to  
10 the Superintendent of a proposed activity that will  
11 affect the surface or subsurface of the historical  
12 crossing;

13 (2) the Superintendent shall review and approve  
14 or disapprove the proposed activity within 30 days  
15 of the date that the adjacent landowner gives notice  
16 of a proposed activity under paragraph (1);

17 (3) the Superintendent shall approve a pro-  
18 posed activity if—

19 (A) the adjacent landowner will restore the  
20 surface of the historical crossing within a rea-  
21 sonable time following the completion of the  
22 proposed activity;

23 (B) the proposed activity will last less than  
24 one month and will have limited physical impact  
25 on the surface of the historical crossing;

1 (C) the proposed activity has been imple-  
2 mented by the adjacent landowner or other ad-  
3 jacent landowners in the past; or

4 (D) the proposed activity is the subject of  
5 a categorical exclusion under the National Envi-  
6 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
7 et seq.); and

8 (4) if the Superintendent disapproves the activ-  
9 ity, the adjacent landowner may modify the proposed  
10 activity and resubmit it for review under paragraph  
11 (1).

12 **SEC. 6. EXOTIC OR INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL.**

13 At the request of an adjacent landowner, within 30  
14 days of such a request, the Superintendent shall authorize  
15 the adjacent landowner to participate in the eradication  
16 of exotic or invasive species in the Park for a period of  
17 up to 10 years, subject to renewal. Such an authorization  
18 shall provide—

19 (1) that the exotic or invasive species proposed  
20 for eradication is identified as such by the National  
21 Park Service;

22 (2) that the method, timing and location of the  
23 eradication must be approved by the Superintendent;  
24 and

1           (3) appropriate indemnification of the adjacent  
2       landowner.

3 **SEC. 7. FUNDING CLARIFICATION.**

4       No additional funds are authorized to carry out the  
5 requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be car-  
6 ried out using amounts otherwise authorized.