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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BANKS, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Calumet National Her-  
5       itage Area Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Calumet region is composed of—

2 (A) 3 counties in the State of Indiana; and

3 (B) portions of 2 counties in the State of  
4 Illinois;

5 (2) taken as a whole, the Calumet region—

6 (A) possesses exceptional cultural, natural,  
7 and historical resources that form a cohesive  
8 and nationally distinctive landscape;

9 (B) showcases landscapes that arose from  
10 the unprecedented encounter of United States  
11 industrial urbanization with a richly biodiverse  
12 natural region at the southern end of Lake  
13 Michigan; and

14 (C) offers compelling educational opportu-  
15 nities relating to—

16 (i) the manner in which industrial  
17 progress forged dramatic changes to the  
18 natural world;

19 (ii) the importance of environmental  
20 conservation and restoration, innovation,  
21 and change for industries and workers;  
22 and

23 (iii) the range of cultural practices  
24 brought to the Calumet region by the large

1 numbers of immigrants and migrants who  
2 settled in the Calumet region;

3 (3) there is a national interest in conserving,  
4 restoring, promoting, and interpreting the benefits  
5 of the Calumet National Heritage Area for—

6 (A) the residents of the Calumet region;  
7 and

8 (B) visitors to the Calumet National Herit-  
9 age Area;

10 (4) the nationally significant historical and cul-  
11 tural resources located in the Calumet National Her-  
12 itage Area represent unique aspects of the heritage  
13 of the United States;

14 (5) the Calumet region—

15 (A) was previously designated as a natural  
16 botanical preserve; and

17 (B) was the site of early advances in the  
18 science of ecology;

19 (6) with respect to the economic development of  
20 the United States—

21 (A) the post-Civil War industrial boom in  
22 the Calumet region made the Calumet region  
23 the largest industrial district in the world dur-  
24 ing the first half of the 20th century;

1 (B) the Calumet region remains the lead-  
2 ing steel producing region in the United States;

3 (C) the economic development took place  
4 at the water, rail, and highway transportation  
5 crossroads of the United States; and

6 (D) industrialists pioneered new methods  
7 of housing employees in industrial towns at  
8 Pullman, Marktown, and Gary;

9 (7) employees that were drawn to the Calumet  
10 region made the Calumet region a crucible of work-  
11 ing class and ethnic cultures;

12 (8) new approaches to natural resource man-  
13 agement in an industrial region were developed in  
14 the Calumet region;

15 (9) significant historical and cultural sites in  
16 the Calumet region include—

17 (A) the ongoing presence of the steel in-  
18 dustry in the United States, including the most  
19 recently constructed integrated steelworks and  
20 the largest operating integrated steelworks;

21 (B) Pullman National Historical Park;

22 (C) Indiana Dunes National Park;

23 (D) a National Historic Landmark;

24 (E) 4 Historic American Engineering  
25 Record sites;

1 (F) 5 Historic American Buildings Survey  
2 sites;

3 (G) 2 National Scenic Byways;

4 (H) 2 units of the National Water Trails  
5 System; and

6 (I) 2 National Underground Railroad Net-  
7 work to Freedom sites;

8 (10) nationally significant natural and physical  
9 resources in the Calumet region include spectacular  
10 natural, scenic, and recreational assets, including—

11 (A) Indiana Dunes National Park, 1 of the  
12 most species-rich units of the National Park  
13 System, including the critical conservation land  
14 that buffers the unit;

15 (B) outstanding examples of glaciated  
16 landscapes that illustrate ecological succession;

17 (C) 5 national natural landmarks;

18 (D) 48,000 acres of land protected outside  
19 the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National  
20 Park, a significant record of urban conservation  
21 by land trusts, local park districts, and forest  
22 preserve districts; and

23 (E) an active legacy of ecological restora-  
24 tion, including on the Grand Calumet Area of

1           Concern and at hundreds of sites benefitting  
2           from volunteer contributions;

3           (11) local public and private partnerships based  
4           on the visions of the community and region that are  
5           working together to promote the stewardship, en-  
6           hancement, and interpretation of the resources of  
7           the Calumet National Heritage Area;

8           (12) to promote the goals described in para-  
9           graph (11), local residents, organizations, and gov-  
10          ernments support the establishment of a national  
11          heritage area, as indicated in the Calumet National  
12          Heritage Area Feasibility Study approved by the  
13          National Park Service; and

14          (13) the designation of the Calumet National  
15          Heritage Area would enhance the efforts to promote  
16          the cultural, natural, historical, and recreational re-  
17          sources of the Calumet region that have been made  
18          by—

19                 (A) the States of Indiana and Illinois;

20                 (B) political subdivisions of the States of  
21          Indiana and Illinois;

22                 (C) the Field Museum of Natural History;

23                 (D) Indiana Dunes Tourism;

24                 (E) the South Shore Convention and Visi-  
25          tors Authority;

- 1 (F) volunteer organizations; and  
2 (G) private businesses.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE**  
4 **AREA.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 6001(a) of the John D.  
6 Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation  
7 Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768; 136 Stat. 6163)  
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(14) CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established  
11 as a component of the National Heritage Area  
12 System the Calumet National Heritage Area in  
13 the States of Indiana and Illinois, as depicted  
14 on the map on page 25 of the Calumet National  
15 Heritage Area Feasibility Study, dated April  
16 14, 2018, as subsequently modified, the bound-  
17 aries of which start at 71st Street and Lake  
18 Michigan in Chicago and proceed west along  
19 71st Street to Western Avenue, then south on  
20 Western Avenue to 95th Street, then west on  
21 95th Street to Pulaski Road, then south on Pu-  
22 laski Road to I–57, then south on I–57 to  
23 Crete-Monee Road, then east on Crete-Monee  
24 Road, continuing on West New Monee Road to  
25 end at State Street, and then extend to the In-

1           diana State Line, with Lake, Porter, and  
2           LaPorte Counties included.

3                   “(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The  
4           Calumet Heritage Partnership shall be the local  
5           coordinating entity for the National Heritage  
6           Area designated by subparagraph (A).”.

7           (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—For the purposes of sec-  
8   tion 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,  
9   Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133  
10 Stat. 772; 136 Stat. 6173), the local coordinating entity  
11 for the Calumet National Heritage Area designated under  
12 the amendment made by subsection (a) shall submit to  
13 the Secretary of the Interior for approval a proposed man-  
14 agement plan for the Calumet National Heritage Area not  
15 later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

16           (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—For the purposes  
17 of subsection (g)(4) of section 6001 of the John D. Din-  
18 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act  
19 (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the  
20 Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that  
21 section for the Calumet National Heritage Area des-  
22 ignated under the amendment made by subsection (a)  
23 shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after the date  
24 of enactment of this Act.