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To establish the Freedom Riders National Historical Park in Anniston, Alabama, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama 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 “Freedom Riders Na-
5 tional Historical Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that on May 4, 1961, a Greyhound
8 bus traveling from Atlanta, Georgia, to Alabama made a
9 routine stop at the Anniston Greyhound station. When the
10 bus stopped in Anniston, Alabama, it was violently at-

1 tacked by a mob at the Greyhound bus station. As the
2 Freedom Riders bus attempted to continue down the high-
3 way it was attacked again and broke down. A fire bomb
4 was thrown inside the bus. The group was able to escape
5 the bus and separate transportation had to be arranged
6 for their continued travel. The violent confrontations the
7 Freedom Riders faced demonstrated to the Nation the
8 struggle for equality and justice. Their brave effort was
9 part of the courageous struggle of the Civil Rights move-
10 ment.

11 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FREEDOM RIDERS NA-**
12 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK IN ANNISTON,**
13 **ALABAMA.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is here-
15 by established Freedom Riders National Historical Park
16 in Anniston, Alabama, for the purposes of—

17 (1) providing an internationally significant
18 place for public education focused on the Freedom
19 Riders, Civil Rights, and the bus burning; and

20 (2) preserving the historical site for the herit-
21 age of the area and tourist destination.

22 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The Park is located at 1031
23 Gurnee Avenue in downtown Anniston, Alabama, at the
24 Greyhound Bus Station site where the attack began on

1 May 14, 1961. The property includes the site of the origi-
2 nal bus station.

3 (c) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—The Secretary may ac-
4 quire additional buildings, assets, lands, and interests in
5 lands for addition to the park by donation, transfer, or
6 exchange only.

7 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
9 the Park in accordance with this Act and laws generally
10 applicable to units of the National Park System. Nothing
11 in this Act shall modify any authority of the United States
12 to carry out Federal laws on Federal land located within
13 the Park.

14 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary may
15 enter into cooperative agreements with Federal, State,
16 City, and other public or nonprofit institutions under
17 which the Secretary may identify, interpret, and provide
18 assistance for the perseveration of non-Federal properties
19 within the Park and at sites in close proximity to the
20 Park, including providing for placement of directional and
21 interpretive signage, exhibits, and technology-based inter-
22 pretive devices.

23 (c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 fiscal
24 years after the dates on which funds are first made avail-
25 able to carry out this Act, the Secretary, in consultation

1 with the City, shall complete a general management plan
2 for the Park in accordance with applicable laws, including
3 section 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For the purposes of this Act:

6 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
7 Anniston, Alabama.

8 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Free-
9 dom Riders National Historical Park.

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Interior.

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