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S. 5591

To designate the Holcombe Rucker Park National Commemorative Site in Harlem, New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Holcombe Rucker Park
5 National Commemorative Site Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means New York
9 City, New York.

1 (2) COMMEMORATIVE SITE.—The term “Com-
 2 memorative Site” means the Holcombe Rucker Park
 3 National Commemorative Site designated by section
 4 3(a).

5 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 6 the Secretary of the Interior.

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

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SITE.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—Holcombe Rucker Park, in Har-
 11 lem, New York, is designated as the “Holcombe Rucker
 12 Park National Commemorative Site”.

13 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

14 (1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
 15 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with
 16 appropriate public or private entities, including the
 17 Mayor of the City (or a designee) for interpretive
 18 and educational purposes relating to the Commemo-
 19 rative Site, including installing a plaque, interpretive
 20 exhibit, or other marker, as appropriate, at the Com-
 21 memorative Site, with the written consent of the
 22 owner of the Commemorative Site—

23 (A) to memorialize the achievements of
 24 Holcombe Rucker; and

1 (B) to provide recognition of the historic
 2 role of Holcombe Rucker Park in the develop-
 3 ment of—

4 (i) the game of basketball; and

5 (ii) many of the most talented players
 6 of the game.

7 (2) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The Com-
 8 memorative Site shall not be a unit of the National
 9 Park System.

10 (3) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this Act—

11 (A) authorizes the Secretary to interfere
 12 with the rights of any person with respect to
 13 private property or any local zoning ordinance
 14 or land use plan of the State or any political
 15 subdivision of the State, including prohibiting
 16 any actions that may otherwise be taken by a
 17 property owner (including any owner of the
 18 Commemorative Site) with respect to the prop-
 19 erty of the owner;

20 (B) affects the administration of the Com-
 21 memorative Site by the City or the State; or

22 (C) authorizes the Secretary to acquire
 23 land or interests in land through condemnation
 24 or other methods.

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