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H. R. 1612

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey a parcel of land in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Tuskegee University, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mrs. ROBY, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) In 1922, Tuskegee University voted to do-
6 nate three hundred acres of land to the United
7 States to build a veterans' hospital, a portion of
8 which is described in section 2(a).

1 (2) The property is administered by the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs and has been used as space
3 for the Tuskegee Veteran’s Hospital.

4 (3) Tuskegee University (hereinafter referred to
5 as the “University”) is a State-related land grant in-
6 stitution of higher learning that intends to use the
7 property described in section 2(a) to further the edu-
8 cation and general welfare of its students.

9 (4) As provided in section 2, the conveyance of
10 the property to the University would promote the
11 University’s educational mission and related pur-
12 poses and result in savings to the Federal Govern-
13 ment.

14 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
15 **AFFAIRS PROPERTY, TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA.**

16 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
17 Veterans Affairs shall, without consideration, convey all
18 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
19 a parcel of real property, including improvements thereon,
20 consisting of approximately 64.5 acres located at 2400
21 Hospital Road, Tuskegee, Alabama, including building
22 numbers 19–29, 50–51, 59–60, 62–63, 80, 94, 96, and
23 124, to Tuskegee University, for the purpose of permitting
24 Tuskegee University to use the property to further the
25 education and general welfare of its students. In carrying

1 out the conveyance under this subsection, the Secretary
2 may survey all or a portion of the property to be conveyed
3 if the Secretary determines such a survey would be nec-
4 essary or desirable.

5 (b) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—Notwithstanding
6 section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
7 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42
8 U.S.C. 9620(h)) or the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
9 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), in the conveyance of the property
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall be only required
11 to meet the disclosure requirements for hazardous sub-
12 stances, pollutants, and contaminants, but otherwise shall
13 not be required to remediate or abate the release of any
14 hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, including
15 petroleum and petroleum derivatives.

16 (c) COOPERATIVE AUTHORITY.—

17 (1) LEASES, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE
18 AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—In conjunction with, or
19 in addition to, the conveyance under subsection (a),
20 the Secretary may enter into leases, contracts, and
21 cooperative agreements with the University related
22 to the conveyance authorized under subsection (a).

23 (2) SOLE SOURCE.—Notwithstanding division C
24 of subtitle I of title 41, United States Code, or any
25 other provision of law, the Secretary may lease real

1 property from the University on a noncompetitive
2 basis.

3 (3) NON-EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY.—The author-
4 ity provided by this subsection is in addition to any
5 other authority of the Secretary.

6 (d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
7 Secretary may require such reasonable terms and condi-
8 tions in connection with the conveyance under subsection
9 (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the
10 interests of the United States, except that the conveyance
11 may not require further administrative or environmental
12 analyses or examination.

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