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1ST SESSION

H. R. 340

To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. NUNES 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 “Tulare Youth Recre-
5 ation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The City of Tulare requires clear title to
9 two Parcels of land within the City’s business cor-
10 ridor.

1 (2) The Parcels are part of a right-of-way
2 granted to the Railroad by the Federal Government
3 by the Act dated July 27, 1866.

4 (3) The Parcels, which are currently under
5 lease to the City, are currently occupied by an out-
6 door recreation facility for youth and an historic
7 women’s club.

8 (4) The City desires to improve and restore
9 these facilities but cannot absent clear title to the
10 Parcels.

11 (5) The United States retained a reversionary
12 interest in the Parcels conveyed to the Railroad in
13 1866 and has not exercised this authority.

14 (6) The Union Pacific Railroad desires to sell
15 the Parcels to the City.

16 (7) Public Law 105–195 conveyed the rever-
17 sionary interest to all surrounding Parcels in 1998,
18 which were conveyed by the Union Pacific Railroad
19 to the City.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCE AND REMOVAL**
21 **OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.**

22 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the City of
24 Tulare, California.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
2 titled “Tulare Railroad Parcels Proposed to be Ac-
3 quired,” dated April 30, 2015.

4 (3) PARCELS.—The term “Parcels” means the
5 land identified as “Tulare Railroad Proposed Par-
6 cels” on the Map.

7 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (5) RAILROAD.—The term “Railroad” means
10 Union Pacific Railroad.

11 (b) REVERSIONARY INTEREST EXTINGUISHED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—To promote recreational op-
13 portunities for youth and commemorate women’s
14 history in the City, the United States authorizes the
15 conveyance of and relinquishes its reversionary inter-
16 est in the Parcels retained under the Act of July 27,
17 1866 (14 Stat. 292, chapter 278).

18 (2) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.—The relin-
19 quishment of the reversionary interest under para-
20 graph (1) shall be executed by the Secretary in an
21 instrument that—

22 (A) is suitable for recording in the records
23 of Tulare County, California; and

1 (B) references this Act and any prior in-
2 struments relating to the United States interest
3 in the Parcels.

4 (3) COSTS.—Any costs associated with the re-
5 quired documentation under paragraph (2) shall be
6 paid by the City.

7 (4) CONDITION.—The relinquishment of the re-
8 versionary interest under paragraph (1) shall be ef-
9 fective on the date that the Railroad conveys the
10 Parcels to the City.

11 (c) MAP ON FILE.—The Map shall be kept on file
12 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
13 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

14 (d) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS OF AC-
15 CESS.—Nothing in this Act shall impair any existing
16 rights of access in favor of the public or any owner of
17 adjacent lands over, under or across the Parcels.

18 (e) SURFACE ENTRY.—The Parcels shall be subject
19 to the same conditions as those parcels affected by Public
20 Law 105–195 regarding rights of surface entry.

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