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H. R. 7474

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Robert E. Lee Monument at Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. IVEY, Mr. MFUME, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. SARBANES) 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 “Robert E. Lee Monu-
5 ment Removal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **MONUMENT.**—The term “monument”
9 means the statue of the Confederate General Robert

1 E. Lee that stands on property, known as the his-
2 toric Newcomer House and Farmstead, acquired in
3 2005 by the National Park Service as part of the ex-
4 pansion of Antietam National Battlefield.

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

7 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF MONUMENT.**

8 (a) REMOVAL.—As soon as practicable, the Secretary
9 shall—

10 (1) remove the monument from National Park
11 Service property for destruction pursuant to sub-
12 section (b); and

13 (2) restore the site of the monument in a man-
14 ner consistent with the protection and interpretation
15 of the Antietam National Battlefield.

16 (b) DESTRUCTION OF MONUMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall procure
18 the services of a private entity to destroy the monu-
19 ment.

20 (2) SALE OF MATERIALS.—The Secretary may
21 sell the raw materials of the destroyed monument as
22 scrap and may retain such proceeds of such sale as
23 may be necessary to offset the costs of procuring
24 services described in paragraph (1).

1 (3) STATUS OF MATERIALS.—For the purposes
2 of subchapters II and III of chapter 5 of subtitle I
3 of title 40, United States Code, the raw materials of
4 the statue shall not be considered “excess property”
5 or “surplus property”.

6 (c) PLAN.—Before removing the monument, and not
7 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Nat-
9 ural Resources of the House of Representatives a plan
10 with respect to removing and destroying the monument,
11 including the timeline for removal.

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