



H.R. 4199 – TO AMEND THE DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE PRESERVATION ACT OF 1992 TO ADD SITES TO THE DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 4199 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Michael R. Turner (R-OH) on November 15, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources agreed to the bill, as amended, on June 11, 2008.

H.R. 4199 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 8, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 4199 redesignates the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Ohio as the "Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park." In addition to the sites already included in the Historical Park, the legislation adds Hawthorn Hill in Oakwood, Ohio and the Wright Company factory located in Dayton, Ohio (and all associated lands and buildings) as part of the Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park.

The legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to the parks' private partners for projects. The grants will be limited to construction and development on non-Federal property within the boundaries of the park.

****Note: H.R. 4191, which previously passed the House on March 5, 2008 by a vote of 407-4, is legislation similar to H.R. 4199 but did not include Hawthorne Hill or the Wright Factory as sites included in the National Historical Park.*

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are four National Historic Landmarks and a National Register Historic District located within Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. These include The Wright Cycle Company building, Hoover Block, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, 1905 Wright Flyer III, and the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial. Together these sites tell the story of the lives and legacies of Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Orville and Wilbur Wright are two American brothers who are credited the world's first controlled and powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on December 17, 1903. The brothers are additionally credited with the invention and construction of the world's first successful airplane. Neither Orville nor Wilbur received high school diplomas. They owned their own newspaper and bicycle shop prior to their aeronautical accomplishments. The Wrights had a large home built at Hawthorn Hill in Oakwood, Ohio. The brothers had originally intended to share the house which was completed in 1914, but Wilbur died in 1912. The house was shared by Orville with his father and sister. Today, the house is owned by the Wright Family Foundation.

Paul Laurence Dunbar is considered as being among the first African-Americans to gain a national reputation as a poet. He was born in 1872 in Dayton, Ohio, as the son of ex-slaves and was classmates with Orville Wright. Paul writings include short stories, novels, librettos, plays, songs and essays as well as poetry. His work often addressed the difficulties encountered by members of his race and the efforts of African-Americans to achieve equality in America.



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COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that “implementing H.R. 4199 would cost \$15 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$1 million annually thereafter for ongoing operations.”

[Full CBO cost estimate for H.R. 4199](#)

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