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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11891 -- Congaree Swamp National Monument, which establishes the Congaree Swamp National Monument, a 15,000-acre tract of hardwood forest near Columbia, South Carolina; authorizes \$35,500,000 for land acquisition and \$500,000 for development of the monument.

The President has signed H.R. 11455, which expands the boundaries of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

The bill expands the protected area by more than 3,600 acres. For this purpose, it increases the appropriation authorization for land acquisition within the national lakeshore from \$35.5 million to \$60.8 million (a \$25.3 million increase) and stipulates that these funds come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition, appropriations of \$8.5 million are authorized for the development of facilities.

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