

## **Bill Summary**

### **H.R. 1100: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007** **(Rep. Shuler, D-NC)**

The 264-acre Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site preserves the farm where the two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author and his family lived for the last 22 years of his life (1945-1967). Carl Sandburg was one of America's most versatile and recognized writers whose stories, histories, songs and poems captured and recorded America's traditions, struggles, and dreams. The historic site is near Flat Rock, in western North Carolina, and was established as a unit of the National Park System in 1968.

H.R. 1100 carries out a National Park Service recommendation to expand the historic site's boundary by up to 115 acres to allow construction of a visitor center and parking lot as well as to protect the pastoral views from Sandburg's estate. This recommendation was developed through a 4-year planning process that involved extensive community input. H.R. 1100 authorizes the Secretary to acquire the land from willing sellers only. All of the affected landowners have agreed to have their parcels included in the proposal to expand the historic site.

Representative Heath Shuler introduced the legislation on February 15, 2007 and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the bill on April 17, 2007 during which the Administration and a local county commissioner testified in support. The Subcommittee favorably approved the bill with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by voice vote on April 19, 2007 and the Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill, as amended, favorably reported to the House by voice vote on May 2, 2007.