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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Nevada, approximately 40 acres of land in Las Vegas, Nevada, to be used for the development of facilities for the residential care and treatment of adjudicated girls.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1997

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. FINDINGS.

- 4 The Congress finds that:
- 5 (1) St. Jude's Ranch for children is a nonprofit,
- 6 nonsectarian organization.

1	(2) The St. Jude's Ranch for Children has been
2	a proven success for over 25 years.
3	(3) St. Jude's Ranch for Children has provided
4	residential care for abused, abandoned, neglected,
5	and troubled children.
6	(4) St. Jude's is now prepared to embark on
7	the development of a Good Shepherd Campus for ad-
8	judicated girls.
9	(5) Roughly 40 acres is needed to develop the
10	facility that will house 102 adjudicated girls with 24
11	hour, seven days a week adult supervision.
12	(6) The facility also contains on-campus edu-
13	cation facilities, dining hall, library, chapel, child
14	care offices, administration offices, and recreation
15	center.
16	SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF 40 ACRES TO ST. JUDE'S RANCH
17	FOR CHILDREN.
18	(a) CONVEYANCE.—Within 30 days after a request
19	by the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, the Secretary shall
20	offer to convey, without consideration, to the St. Jude's
21	Ranch for Children all right, title, and interest of the
22	United States in the surface estate of the land depicted
23	on the map entitled "", dated
24	and described in subsection (b), for the construction of
25	a Good Shepard campus for adjudicated girls. Such map

shall be on file and available for public inspection in the
 offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Department
 of the Interior, in Washington, D.C. and Las Vegas, Ne vada.

5 (b) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The land referred to in
6 subsection (a) is a parcel containing 39.87 acres described
7 as follows:

Government Lot 1 in the Southwest Quarter
(SW¹/4) of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range
60 East, M.D.M., the City of Las Vegas, County of
Clark, State of Nevada. Said Government Lot 1
more commonly referred to as the Northeast Quarter
ter (NE¹/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/4) of
said Section 12.

15 (c) Additional Environmental Studies.—Prior to the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary of 16 the Interior shall conduct such environmental studies as 17 may be necessary, including an assessment of the presence 18 of any hazardous substances, pollutants, and contami-19 20 nants (within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environ-21 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 22 1980) to determine if the development of facilities for adjudicated girls is a compatible use of the land described 23 24 in subsection (b).

(d) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the land conveyed
 under subsection (a) ceases to be used for residential care
 for adjudicated girls, all right, title, and interest in such
 land shall revert to the Government of the United States.
 (e) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—The subsurface estate in
 the lands described in subsection (b) shall be reserved to
 the United States.

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