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### **Rep. Shuler Hails Signing of Sandburg Home Boundary Revision into Law**

*Washington, D.C.* – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler today applauded the signing of legislation to allow the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site to expand its boundaries to protect the integrity of the park and build a visitors center as legislation boundary revision. The Consolidated Natural Resources Act that the President signed into law contained the Sandburg Home boundary revision, which Rep. Shuler helped pass the House in May 2007.

The Consolidated Natural Resources Act contained more than 60 public lands bills that had previously passed the House individually. Rep. Shuler had originally introduced the legislation to allow for the boundary revision of the Sandburg home, H.R. 1100, in February 2007. H.R. 1100 passed the House in May of 2007.

“I am extremely pleased that our efforts to protect the Sandburg Home have been successful,” said Rep. Shuler. “The Sandburg home is an important part of both our heritage and our economy in Western North Carolina. By expanding the site and allowing the building of a new visitor’s center we will ensure that the Sandburg Home continues to help drive our economy.”

In 2003 the National Park Service recommended the expansion of 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.

Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr cosponsored companion legislation to Rep. Shuler’s bill in the Senate.

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