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AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study
of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential
inclusion in the National Park System.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coltsville Study Act
5 of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) Hartford, Connecticut, home to Colt Manu-
4 facturing Company (referred to in this Act as
5 “Colt”), played a major role in the Industrial Revo-
6 lution;

7 (2) Samuel Colt, founder of Colt, and his wife,
8 Elizabeth Colt, inspired Coltsville, a community in
9 the State of Connecticut that flourished during the
10 Industrial Revolution and included Victorian man-
11 sions, an open green area, botanical gardens, and a
12 deer park;

13 (3) the residence of Samuel and Elizabeth Colt
14 in Hartford, Connecticut, known as “Armsmear”, is
15 a national historic landmark, and the distinctive Colt
16 factory is a prominent feature of the Hartford, Con-
17 necticut, skyline;

18 (4) the Colt legacy is not only about firearms,
19 but also about industrial innovation and the develop-
20 ment of technology that would change the way of life
21 in the United States, including—

22 (A) the development of telegraph tech-
23 nology; and

24 (B) advancements in jet engine technology
25 by Francis Pratt and Amos Whitney, who
26 served as apprentices at Colt;

1 (5) Coltsville—

2 (A) set the standard for excellence during
3 the Industrial Revolution; and

4 (B) continues to prove significant—

5 (i) as a place in which people of the
6 United States can learn about that impor-
7 tant period in history; and

8 (ii) by reason of the close proximity of
9 Coltsville to the Mark Twain House, Trin-
10 ity College, Old North Cemetery, and
11 many historic homesteads and
12 architecturally renowned buildings;

13 (6) in 1998, the National Park Service con-
14 ducted a special resource reconnaissance study of
15 the Connecticut River Valley to evaluate the signifi-
16 cance of precision manufacturing sites; and

17 (7) the report on the study stated that—

18 (A) no other region of the United States
19 contains an equal concentration of resources re-
20 lating to the precision manufacturing theme
21 that began with firearms production;

22 (B) properties relating to precision manu-
23 facturing encompass more than merely fac-
24 tories; and

1 (C) further study, which should be under-
2 taken, may recommend inclusion of churches
3 and other social institutions.

4 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
6 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
7 Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act
8 as the “Secretary”) shall complete a study of the site in
9 the State of Connecticut commonly known as “Coltsville”
10 to evaluate—

11 (1) the national significance of the site and sur-
12 rounding area;

13 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
14 the site and surrounding area as a unit of the Na-
15 tional Park System; and

16 (3) the importance of the site to the history of
17 precision manufacturing.

18 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
19 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-
20 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

21 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

22 Not later than 30 days after the date on which the
23 study under section 3(a) is completed, the Secretary shall
24 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
2 ural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

3 (1) the findings of the study; and

4 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
5 Secretary.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
8 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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