

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1047

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING**  
2 **THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL MILITARY MU-**  
3 **SEUM.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Soldiers' Memorial is a tribute to all  
6 veterans located in the greater St. Louis area, in-  
7 cluding Southern Illinois.

8 (2) The current annual budget for the memorial  
9 is \$185,000 and is paid for exclusively by the City  
10 of St. Louis.

11 (3) In 1923, the City of St. Louis voted to  
12 spend \$6,000,000 to purchase a memorial plaza and  
13 building dedicated to citizens of St. Louis who lost  
14 their lives in World War I.

15 (4) The purchase of the 7 block site exhausted  
16 the funds and no money remained to construct a  
17 monument.

18 (5) In 1933, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann ap-  
19 pealed to citizens and the city government to raise  
20 \$1,000,000 to construct a memorial building and  
21 general improvement of the plaza area and the con-  
22 struction of Soldiers' Memorial began on October  
23 21, 1935.

24 (6) On October 14, 1936, President Franklin  
25 D. Roosevelt officially dedicated the site.

1           (7) On Memorial Day in 1938, Mayor  
2           Dickmann opened the building to the public.

3           (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry  
4 out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of  
5 designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, lo-  
6 cated at 1315 Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit  
7 of the National Park System.

8           (c) STUDY PROCESS AND COMPLETION.—Section  
9 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall  
10 apply to the conduct and completion of the study required  
11 by this section.

12          (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report  
13 describing the results the study required by this section  
14 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
15 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
16 ural Resources of the Senate.

          Passed the House of Representatives March 5,  
2007.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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