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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alexander Hamilton
5 Boyhood Home Study Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) Alexander Hamilton, a native of the former
4 British colonies in the Caribbean, moved with his
5 family to St. Croix in 1765;

6 (2) Alexander Hamilton, who resided on St.
7 Croix during his formative years and until he left for
8 New York in 1772, was first exposed to commerce
9 and business in the United States Virgin Islands
10 while clerking for the Christiansted branch of
11 Beekman and Cruger, a New York-based merchant
12 house;

13 (3) St. Croix is where Alexander Hamilton, the
14 future author of the Federalist Papers learned to
15 write for the public, from his teenage contributions
16 to the Royal Danish American Gazette;

17 (4) Alexander Hamilton’s mother, Rachel
18 Fawcett Levine, died in 1768 and was buried at Es-
19 tate Grange; and

20 (5) the M. K. Armstrong Trust currently owns
21 and administers the 115-acre estate.

22 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
24 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”), in consultation
25 with the Governor of the Virgin Islands, shall conduct a
26 special resource study of Estate Grange and other sites

1 and resources associated with Alexander Hamilton's life
2 on St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
4 section (a), the Secretary shall evaluate—

5 (1) the national significance of the sites and re-
6 sources; and

7 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
8 the sites and resources as a unit of the National
9 Park System.

10 (c) CRITERIA.—The criteria for the study of areas
11 for potential inclusion in the National Park System con-
12 tained in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–
13 5) shall apply to the study under subsection (a).

14 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
15 on which funds are first made available for the study
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
17 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate a report containing—

20 (1) the results of the study; and

21 (2) any findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
22 tions of the Secretary.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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