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OCTOBER 8, 1998

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To revise the boundaries of the George Washington  
Birthplace National Monument.

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. ADDITION TO NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

2 (a) ADDITION.—The boundaries of the George Wash-  
3 ington Birthplace National Monument are modified to in-  
4 clude the property generally know as George Washington’s  
5 Boyhood Home, Ferry Farm, located in Stafford County,  
6 Virginia, across the Rappahannock River from Fredericks-  
7 burg, Virginia, comprising approximately 8 acres. The  
8 boundary modification is generally depicted on the map  
9 entitled “George Washington Birthplace National Monu-  
10 ment Boundary Map”, numbered 322/80, 020 and dated  
11 April 1998. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep the  
12 map on file and available for public inspection in appro-  
13 priate offices of the National Park Service.

14 (b) ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT.—After the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may acquire  
16 a conservation easement for the property described in sub-  
17 section (a) to ensure the preservation of this important  
18 cultural and natural resource associated with Ferry Farm.

19 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE STUDY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
21 the date on which funds are made available to carry out  
22 this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to  
23 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
24 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of  
25 Representatives a resource study of the property described  
26 in section 1(a).

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)  
2 shall—

3 (1) identify the full range of resources and his-  
4 toric themes associated with Ferry Farm, including  
5 those associated with George Washington’s tenure at  
6 the property described in section 1(a) and those as-  
7 sociated with the Civil War period;

8 (2) identify alternatives for further National  
9 Park Service involvement at the property described  
10 in section 1(a) beyond those that may be provided  
11 for in the acquisition authorized under section 1(b);  
12 and

13 (3) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-  
14 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
15 maintenance associated with the alternatives identi-  
16 fied.

17 **SEC. 3. AGREEMENTS.**

18 Upon completion of the resource study under section  
19 2, the Secretary of the Interior may enter into agreements  
20 with the owner of the property described in section 1(a)  
21 or other entities for the purpose of providing programs,

- 1 services, facilities, or technical assistance that further the
- 2 preservation and public use of the property.

Passed the Senate October 7 (legislative day, October 2), 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*