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# S. 1312

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4       (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred  
5       to in this Act as “the Secretary”) shall conduct a study  
6       of Virginia Key Beach in Biscayne Bay, Florida, which  
7       was used for recreation by African-Americans at a time  
8       when public beaches were racially segregated by law, to  
9       evaluate—

1           (1) the national significance of the site; and

2           (2) the suitability and feasibility of establishing  
3       the site as a unit of the National Park System.

4       (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-  
5       section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the  
6       study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park  
7       System under section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.  
8       1a–5).

9       (c) REPORT.—On completion of the study, the Sec-  
10      retary shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

11           (1) the findings of the study; and

12           (2) the conclusions and any recommendations of  
13      the Secretary.

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