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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. McCOTTER, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. UPTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Michigan Lighthouse
5 and Maritime Heritage Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Surrounded by the Great Lakes, the State
2 of Michigan gives the Midwest region a unique mari-
3 time character.

4 (2) The access of the Great Lakes to the Atlan-
5 tic Ocean has—

6 (A) given the shipping industry in the
7 State an international role in trade; and

8 (B) contributed to industrial and natural
9 resource development in the State.

10 (3) The State offers unequalled opportunities
11 for maritime heritage preservation and interpreta-
12 tion, based on the fact that the State has—

13 (A) more deepwater shoreline than any
14 other State in the continental United States;

15 (B) more lighthouses than any other State;
16 and

17 (C) the only freshwater national marine
18 sanctuary in the United States.

19 (4) The maritime history of the State includes
20 the history of—

21 (A) the routes and gathering places of the
22 fur traders and missionaries who opened North
23 America to European settlement; and

24 (B) the summer communities of people
25 who mined copper, hunted and fished, and cre-

1 ated the first agricultural settlements in the
2 State.

3 (5) In the 19th century, the natural resources
4 and maritime access of the State made the State the
5 leading producer of iron, copper, and lumber in the
6 United States.

7 (6) The maritime heritage of Michigan is evi-
8 dent in—

9 (A) the more than 120 lighthouses in the
10 State;

11 (B) the lifesaving stations, dry docks,
12 lightships, submarine, ore docks, piers, break-
13 waters, sailing clubs, and communities and in-
14 dustries that were built on the lakes in the
15 State;

16 (C) the hotels and resort communities in
17 the State;

18 (D) the more than 12 maritime-related na-
19 tional landmarks in the State;

20 (E) the 2 national lakeshores in the State;

21 (F) the 2 units of the National Park Sys-
22 tem in the State;

23 (G) the various State parks and sites listed
24 on the National Register of Historic Places in
25 the State;

1 (H) the database information in the State
 2 on—

3 (i) 1,500 shipwrecks;

4 (ii) 11 underwater preserves; and

5 (iii) the freshwater national marine
 6 sanctuary; and

7 (I) the Great Lakes, which have played an
 8 important role—

9 (i) for Native Americans, fur traders,
 10 missionaries, settlers, and travelers;

11 (ii) in the distribution of wheat, iron,
 12 copper, and lumber;

13 (iii) providing recreational opportuni-
 14 ties; and

15 (iv) stories of shipwrecks and rescues.

16 (7) The work and investment of businesses,
 17 coastal communities, private non-profit organiza-
 18 tions, universities, and State agencies has advanced
 19 the awareness, research, public interpretation, edu-
 20 cation, stewardship, and preservation of Michigan's
 21 maritime heritage.

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act:

24 (1) **MARITIME HERITAGE RESOURCE.**—The
 25 term “maritime heritage resource” includes light-

1 houses, lifesaving and coast guard stations, maritime
2 museums, historic ships and boats, marine sanc-
3 tuaries and preserves, fisheries and hatcheries, locks
4 and ports, ore docks, piers and breakwaters, mari-
5 nas, resort communities (such as Bay View and
6 Epworth Heights), cruises, performing artists that
7 specialize in maritime culture, interpretive and edu-
8 cational programs and events, museums with signifi-
9 cant maritime collections, maritime art galleries,
10 maritime communities, and maritime festivals.

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Na-
13 tional Park Service Midwest Regional Office.

14 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
15 of Michigan.

16 (4) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
17 means the State of Michigan.

18 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation
20 with the State, the State historic preservation officer, local
21 historical societies, State and local economic development,
22 tourism, and parks and recreation offices, and other ap-
23 propriate agencies and organizations, shall conduct a spe-
24 cial resource study of the study area to determine—

1 (1) the potential economic and tourism benefits
2 of preserving State maritime heritage resources;

3 (2) suitable and feasible options for long-term
4 protection of significant State maritime heritage re-
5 sources; and

6 (3) the manner in which the public can best
7 learn about and experience State maritime heritage
8 resources.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
10 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

11 (1) review Federal, State, and local maritime
12 resource inventories and studies to establish the con-
13 text, breadth, and potential for interpretation and
14 preservation of State maritime heritage resources;

15 (2) examine the potential economic and tourism
16 impacts of protecting State maritime heritage re-
17 sources;

18 (3) recommend management alternatives that
19 would be most effective for long-term resource pro-
20 tection and providing for public enjoyment of State
21 maritime heritage resources;

22 (4) address how to assist regional, State, and
23 local partners in efforts to increase public awareness
24 of and access to the State maritime heritage re-
25 sources;

1 (5) identify sources of financial and technical
2 assistance available to communities for the conserva-
3 tion and interpretation of State maritime heritage
4 resources; and

5 (6) address ways in which to link appropriate
6 national parks, State parks, waterways, monuments,
7 parkways, communities, national and State historic
8 sites, and regional or local heritage areas and sites
9 into a Michigan Maritime Heritage Destination Net-
10 work.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
12 date on which funds are made available to carry out the
13 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
14 the Committee on Resources of the House of Representa-
15 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
16 sources of the Senate a report that describes—

17 (1) the results of the study; and

18 (2) any findings and recommendations of the
19 Secretary.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
22 this Act \$500,000.

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