

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4756

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2004

Mr. CLAY 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. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING**
4 **THE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL MILITARY MU-**
5 **SEUM.**

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

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

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

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

11 (4) The purchase of the 7 block site exhausted
12 the funds and no money remained to construct a
13 monument.

14 (5) In 1933, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann ap-
15 pealed to citizens and the city government to raise
16 \$1,000,000 to construct a memorial building and
17 general improvement of the plaza area and the con-
18 struction of Soldiers' Memorial began on October
19 21, 1935.

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

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

24 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry
25 out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of

1 designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, lo-
2 cated at 1315 Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit
3 of the National Park System.

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

8 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report
9 describing the results the study required by this section
10 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
11 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
12 sources of the Senate.

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