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S. 1573

To redesignate the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Louisiana as the “Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

Mr. BREAUX introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Theodore Roosevelt-
5 Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge,
2 located in Madison, Tensas, and Franklin Parishes,
3 Louisiana—

4 (A) was established in 1980; and

5 (B) consists of 64,012 acres;

6 (2) the refuge is in the upper basin of the
7 Tensas River in northeast Louisiana, the last docu-
8 mented home of the ivory-billed woodpecker;

9 (3) the refuge is home to 1 of the last con-
10 centrations of the threatened Louisiana black bear;

11 (4) in 1907, Teddy Roosevelt hunted bear just
12 north of the refuge boundary and the “Teddy Bear”
13 was introduced as a result of an incident during the
14 hunt;

15 (5) the refuge supports—

16 (A) several rookeries; and

17 (B) concentrations of ducks, geese,
18 raptors, wading birds, and shorebirds;

19 (6) the refuge was established to—

20 (A) preserve and develop environmental re-
21 sources;

22 (B) conserve the diversity of fish and wild-
23 life (including fish and wildlife habitat); and

24 (C) develop outdoor recreation opportuni-
25 ties and interpretive education;

1 (7) the refuge uses several management tools to
 2 accomplish the purposes for which it was estab-
 3 lished, including—

4 (A) water management for waterfowl, wad-
 5 ing birds, and shorebirds;

6 (B) cooperative farming to provide habitat
 7 for migratory birds and Louisiana black bears;

8 (C) forest habitat management for bears,
 9 neotropical birds, and other forest dwelling spe-
 10 cies;

11 (D) education and interpretation;

12 (E) deer management with public hunting;

13 (F) law enforcement for the protection of
 14 the public and the resources of the Refuge; and

15 (G) partnerships to make programs eco-
 16 system in scope; and

17 (8) the refuge provides several public use oppor-
 18 tunities, including trails, an auto tour route, fishing,
 19 2 observation towers, wildlife observation, photog-
 20 raphy, and hunting (including youth hunts).

21 **SEC. 3. THEODORE ROOSEVELT-TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL**
 22 **WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Tensas River National
 24 Wildlife Refuge, located in Tensas, Franklin, and Madison
 25 Parishes, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the

1 “Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Ref-
2 uge”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other document of the United
5 States to the refuge referred to in subsection (a) shall be
6 deemed to be a reference to the Theodore Roosevelt-
7 Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

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