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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—

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;

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

(B) concentrations of ducks, geese, 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;

(A) water management for waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds;

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

(C) forest habitat management for bears, neotropical birds, and other forest dwelling species;

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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