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H. R. 3532

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 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 that—

8 (1) surrounded by the Great Lakes, the State
9 of Michigan gives the Midwest region a unique mari-
10 time character;

3 (A) given the shipping industry in the
4 State of Michigan an international role in
5 trade; and

(B) contributed to industrial and natural resource development in the State;

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

14 (B) more lighthouses than any other State:

15 and
16 (C) the only freshwater national marine
17 sanctuary in the United States;

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

23 (B) the summer communities of people
24 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; and

7 (6) the maritime heritage of Michigan is evident
8 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

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 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

17 In this Act:

1 specialize in maritime culture, interpretive and educational programs and events, museums with significant maritime collections, maritime art galleries, maritime communities, and maritime festivals.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office.

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

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

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State, the State historic preservation officer, local historical societies, State and local economic development, tourism, and parks and recreation offices, and other appropriate agencies and organizations, shall conduct a special resource study of the study area to determine—

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

21 (2) suitable and feasible options for long-term protection of significant State maritime heritage resources; and

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

6 (1) review Federal, State, and local maritime
7 resource inventories and studies to establish the con-
8 text, breadth, and potential for interpretation and
9 preservation of State maritime heritage resources;

10 (2) examine the potential economic and tourism
11 impacts of protecting State maritime heritage re-
12 sources;

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

16 SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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