

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 452

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

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.

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:

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

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

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

17          (4) The purchase of the 7 block site exhausted  
18 the funds and no money remained to construct a  
19 monument.

20          (5) In 1933, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann ap-  
21 pealed to citizens and the city government to raise  
22 \$1,000,000 to construct a memorial building and  
23 general improvement of the plaza area and the con-  
24 struction of Soldiers' Memorial began on October  
25 21, 1935.

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

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

5           (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry  
6           out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of  
7           designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum, lo-  
8           cated at 1315 Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit  
9           of the National Park System.

10          (c) STUDY PROCESS AND COMPLETION.—Section  
11          8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall  
12          apply to the conduct and completion of the study required  
13          by this section.

14          (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report  
15          describing the results the study required by this section  
16          to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
17          atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
18          sources of the Senate.

            Passed the House of Representatives December 13,  
2005.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*