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H. R. 5156

To require a study of the feasibility of establishing the John Lewis Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. WAMP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 “John Lewis Civil
5 Rights Trail System Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Archivist of the United States, in
8 consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, and with
9 the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to lands adminis-
10 tered by such Secretary, shall conduct a study of the feasi-

1 bility of establishing the John Lewis Civil Rights Trail
2 System, as described in subsection (b), in substantially the
3 same manner as studies performed by the Secretary of the
4 Interior under section 5(b) of the National Trails System
5 Act (Public Law 109–418).

6 (b) DESCRIPTION OF JOHN LEWIS CIVIL RIGHTS
7 TRAIL SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the John
8 Lewis Civil Rights Trail System is a system of trails mark-
9 ing the geographic locations in the United States (includ-
10 ing its territories) of historically significant events related
11 to struggles for civil rights based on racial equality, includ-
12 ing signage or printed materials (or both) that provide in-
13 formation about the people and events involved in such
14 struggles and associated with such location.

15 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
17 establish and maintain individual trails marking the geo-
18 graphic locations of historically significant events related
19 to struggles for civil rights based on racial equality. The
20 Secretary shall provide for each trail signage or printed
21 materials (or both) that provide information about the
22 people and events involved in such struggles and associ-
23 ated with such locations.

24 (b) LOCATION.—The Secretary may establish such a
25 trail in each State where a significant civil rights event

1 occurred. The Secretary shall establish at least 6 such
2 trails as soon as practicable after the date of enactment
3 of this Act.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
5 out this section there are authorized to be appropriated
6 to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as are necessary
7 for fiscal years 2009 through 2015.

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