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DECEMBER 22, 2014

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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 “Lower Mississippi
 5 River Area Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” in-
 11 cludes Fort St. Philip, Fort Jackson, the Head of
 12 Passes, and any related and supporting historical,
 13 cultural, and recreational resources located in
 14 Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
 17 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
 18 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the State of Lou-
 19 isiana and other interested organizations, shall complete
 20 a special resource study that evaluates—

21 (1) the national significance of the study area;

22 and

23 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
 24 the study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
 25 tem.

1 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-
 2 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
 3 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
 4 System in section 8(c) of National Park System General
 5 Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

6 (c) CONTENT.—The study described in subsection (a)
 7 shall—

8 (1) include cost estimates for the potential ac-
 9 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance
 10 of the study area; and

11 (2) identify alternatives for the management,
 12 administration, and protection of the study area.

13 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT; DONATIONS.**

14 The study described in section 3 shall not be con-
 15 ducted until the date on which—

16 (1) the Secretary enters into an agreement with
 17 a State, unit of local government, or other entity to
 18 conduct the study using non-Federal funds; or

19 (2) the Secretary receives a donation of an
 20 amount of non-Federal funds sufficient to pay the
 21 cost of conducting the study.

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