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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 1999

Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. NEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOLT, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. KLINK, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. EVANS) 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 “Lincoln Highway
5 Study Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY AND REPORT RE-**
2 **GARDING THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Lincoln Highway, established in 1913,
5 comprises more than 3,000 miles of roadways from
6 New York, New York, to San Francisco, California,
7 and encompasses United States Routes 1, 20, 30
8 (including 30N and 30S), 40, 50, and 530 and
9 Interstate Route 80.

10 (2) The Lincoln Highway played a historically
11 significant role as the first United States trans-
12 continental highway, providing motorists a paved
13 route and allowing vast portions of the country to be
14 accessible by automobile.

15 (3) The Lincoln Highway transverses the States
16 of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Vir-
17 ginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyo-
18 ming, Utah, Nevada, and California.

19 (4) Although some parts of the Lincoln High-
20 way have disappeared or have been realigned, the
21 many historic, cultural, and engineering features
22 and characteristics of the route still remain.

23 (5) Given the interest by organized groups and
24 State governments in the preservation of features
25 associated with the Lincoln Highway, the route's
26 history, and its role in American popular culture, a

1 coordinated evaluation of preservation options should
2 be undertaken.

3 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Inte-
4 rior, acting through the Director of the National Park
5 Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive study of routes
6 comprising the Lincoln Highway. The study shall include
7 an evaluation of the significance of the Lincoln Highway
8 in American history, options for preservation and use of
9 remaining segments of the Lincoln Highway, and options
10 for the preservation and interpretation of significant fea-
11 tures associated with the Lincoln Highway. The study
12 shall also consider private sector preservation alternatives.

13 (c) COOPERATIVE EFFORT.—The study under sub-
14 section (b) shall provide for the participation of represent-
15 atives from each State traversed by the Lincoln Highway,
16 State historic preservation offices, representatives of asso-
17 ciations interested in the preservation of the Lincoln High-
18 way and its features, and persons knowledgeable in Amer-
19 ican history, historic preservation, and popular culture.

20 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
21 on which funds are first made available for the study
22 under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall
23 submit a report to Congress containing the results of the
24 study.

1 (e) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be
2 construed to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the
3 National Park Service to assume responsibility for the
4 maintenance of any of the routes comprising the Lincoln
5 Highway.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out
8 this section.

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