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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 7, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Star-Spangled Banner
3 National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the British invasion of Maryland and Wash-
7 ington, District of Columbia, during the War of
8 1812 marks a defining period in the history of our
9 Nation, the only occasion on which the United
10 States of America has been invaded by a foreign
11 power;

12 (2) the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic
13 Trail traces the route of the British naval attack on
14 the Chesapeake Flotilla at St. Leonard’s Creek, the
15 landing of the British forces at Benedict, Maryland,
16 the American defeat at the Battle of Bladensburg,
17 the siege of the Nation’s capital, Washington, Dis-
18 trict of Columbia (including the burning of the
19 United States Capitol and the White House), the
20 British expedition to and subsequent skirmishes
21 within the upper Chesapeake Bay, the route of the
22 American troops between Washington and Balti-
23 more, the Battle of North Point, and the ultimate
24 victory of the Americans at Fort McHenry, on Sep-
25 tember 14, 1814, where a distinguished Maryland
26 lawyer and poet, Francis Scott Key, wrote the words

1 that captured the essence of our national struggle
2 for independence, words that now serve as our na-
3 tional anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner; and

4 (3) the designation of this route as a national
5 historic trail—

6 (A) would serve as a reminder of the im-
7 portance of the concept of liberty to all who ex-
8 perience the Star-Spangled Banner National
9 Historic Trail; and

10 (B) would give long overdue recognition to
11 the patriots whose determination to stand firm
12 against enemy invasion and bombardment pre-
13 served this liberty for future generations of
14 Americans.

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TRAIL FOR STUDY.**

16 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraph (36) (as added
19 by section 3 of the El Camino Real Para Los Texas
20 Study Act of 1993 (107 Stat. 1497)) as paragraph
21 (37);

22 (2) by designating the paragraphs relating to
23 the Old Spanish Trail and the Great Western Scenic
24 Trail as paragraphs (38) and (39), respectively; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(40) STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HIS-
2 TORIC TRAIL.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Star-Spangled
4 Banner National Historic Trail, tracing the
5 War of 1812 route of the British naval attack
6 on the Chesapeake Flotilla at St. Leonard’s
7 Creek, the landing of the British forces at
8 Benedict, Maryland, the American defeat at the
9 Battle of Bladensburg, the siege of the Nation’s
10 capital, Washington, District of Columbia (in-
11 cluding the burning of the United States Cap-
12 itol and the White House), actions between the
13 British and American forces in the upper
14 Chesapeake Bay, the route of the American
15 troops between Washington and Baltimore, the
16 Battle of North Point, and the ultimate victory
17 of the Americans at Fort McHenry, on Sep-
18 tember 14, 1814.

19 “(B) AFFECTED AREAS.—The trail crosses
20 more than 6 Maryland counties, the city of Bal-
21 timore, and Washington, District of Colum-
22 bia.” *Columbia.*

23 “(C) COORDINATION WITH OTHER CONGRES-
24 SIONALLY MANDATED ACTIVITIES.—*The Sec-*
25 *retary shall coordinate the trail study with the*

1 *Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic*
2 *Preservation study authorized under section 603*
3 *of Public Law 104–333 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5 note),*
4 *and the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and*
5 *Watertrails Network authorized under title V of*
6 *Public Law 105–312 (16 U.S.C. 461 note). Such*
7 *coordination shall extend to any research needed*
8 *to complete the studies and any findings and im-*
9 *plementation actions that result from the studies.*
10 *The Secretary shall utilize available resources to*
11 *the greatest extent possible to avoid unnecessary*
12 *duplication of effort.”.*

13 **SEC. 4. TRAIL REPORT.**

14 *(a) Not later than two years after the date funds are*
15 *made available for the Star Spangled Banner National*
16 *Historic Trail Study, the Secretary of the Interior shall for-*
17 *ward the completed study with final recommendations to*
18 *the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the*
19 *Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of*
20 *Representatives.*

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